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Check Back in December for the new 2027 Packing List

But Wait There's More Packing!

Dress Code At Wanake

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 for females. Your cooperation will aid in a successful week.



Please Do Not Bring To Camp

All Electronic Devices (including cell phones)	Vehicles/Animals
Money/Valuables	Weapons/Fireworks
Hair dryers/Curling irons	Tobacco/Drugs/Alcohol products
Expensive clothing/Bikinis	Food/Candy/Snacks

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

Coming to a Theme Camp? These are Additional Items You Will Need

- **Fishing Camp:** Bring your fishing pole and tackle box, if you have them. Wanake can supply as needed.
- **Moonlight Madness:** Extra warm clothes for the evening/night, a red light flashlight (if able), and anything that glows in the dark!
- **Pool Daze, Pool Pizzazz, and Wet & Wild:** Extra swimsuit and towels

What Does Freshly Laundered Mean?

At least 30 minutes in a dryer on high heat and packed immediately into a sealed bag or inspected luggage (duffle bags may also be treated in a dryer on high heat). Bedbugs have become a prevalent problem in northeast Ohio & across the US. Wanake wants to protect campers, guests, their families, and the camp itself from expensive and inconvenient treatments. Please make sure that all linens, sleeping bags, and pillows are freshly laundered prior to your arrival at Wanake. Laundering should include at least 30 minutes in a dryer on high heat. Wanake has a protocol in place to respond rapidly to any incident involving bedbugs. It's a good idea, between any overnight destinations whether vacation or camp, to inspect luggage and to launder all bedding, drying for at least 30 minutes at on high heat.

Seasoned Camper Tip!

It is best to label everything (socks & underwear too!) with the camper's name!

Questions? Contact Wanake!

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Check-In and Check-Out

For Additional Information Check Our Website at campwanake.org

Check-In Information

- Check-in is on Sunday afternoon between 3 and 4pm.
 - Grades 1-5 is at 3:00pm
 - Grades 6-12 is at 3:20pm

If you are bringing multiple campers with different check-in times, Wanake will check-in everyone in your vehicle at the same time.

- Check-in will be accomplished in a drive-through, drop-off style in your vehicle.
- At check-in, campers will be checked for temperature and lice, hand in medications, undergo a health screening, and signed-in by the adult dropping them off. This will happen in/near your vehicle.
- Please take campers temperatures before leaving home to ensure they are fever free.
- Campers will be signed-in by the adult dropping them off. This adult will designate a sign-out person.
- Once at your camper's drop-off location, you will meet your camper's counselors and unload luggage.
- There will be opportunities to leave mail for campers, give to the mission project, and visit the camp store.

Other Day Check-ins

- Programs that start on Wednesdays check in at 3pm. Discover Camp! (June 17, July 1, July 8)

Check-Out Information

- Each camper's family and friends are invited to attend a short program celebrating your camper's week on **Fridays at 4:30pm**. Check-out will follow this program. You will be ready to leave camp by 5:15pm.
- Sunday starting Discover Camp! programs will have closing program at 4:30pm on **Tuesday**. Check-out will follow the program.
- **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 check-in form without prior notice by parent/guardian.
- There will be opportunities to shop at the camp store and talk with camp staff. Families are welcome to take a walk or hike with their camper after check-out.

If there is a concern about check-in or check-out time, please contact Wanake at least 48 hours in advance.

Wanake encourages all campers to participate in the entire program. Temporary absences during a camp session generally can not be accommodated. Please contact the Wanake office as soon as you are aware of the need for a temporary absence.

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://umcmmission.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/cNQn6XH>.

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.



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 Lutt or Amy Ecklund at Wanake.

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.



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 emails and pictures. Look for details this spring and at check-in about how to email your camper and see photos of them having fun at camp through your phone! Viewing photos is free of charge. There is a nominal fee to send emails.
- **Please do NOT send packages**, especially food, candy, or snacks, as they disrupt camp and attract rodents & insects.
- Please **don't call** for 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.



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!



A Note About Insect Repellent & Mosquitoes

Know that Wanake takes many steps to help control the poison ivy, mosquito and tick population, including working with Ivy Oaks and hand fogging, but the best protection for your child is to use mosquito repellent.

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 the same effects on each person, so Wanake has a variety of options available for campers at no charge.



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.
Contact Wanake for details.**

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