NIM KIDS SUMMER CAMP

PARENT HANDBOOK

2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Campers,

Welcome to NIM Kids Summer Camp! We are excited that you are joining us for our 12th summer of fun, activity and learning! At camp our campers will experience history and nature first hand in exciting and creative ways. They will have the opportunity to learn and demonstrate the Army Core Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage, all while exploring and engaging in outdoor play, games, team building activities, and art.

Mission Statement

NIM KIDS SUMMER CAMP is designed to challenge campers in a way that builds their confidence and teaches valuable leadership skills. It is designed to help them understand the benefits and responsibilities of being a leader through supervised activities that provide an opportunity for development of the army core values. Team-building activities help campers learn to work better alongside peers and make life-long friends.

Diversity and Inclusion Statement

NIM Kids Summer Camp accepts staff and campers of any race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability (assuming the disability permits safe participation in the camp program), national or ethnic origin to all programs and activities at camp. We expect everyone to respect the rights of others regardless of their differences.

Arrival/Check-In & Pick-Up

Arrival: Camper check-in is between 8:15AM-8:30AM
Counselors will meet campers and their adult at their car. Please keep camper in the car until the counselor has checked them in,

Pick-up: Camper pick-up is at 4:30PM. Counselors will check adult ID's at pick-up.

Campers Need to Bring

- Water Bottle
- Hat or Head Cover
- Change of Clothes
- Spare socks/shoes
- Masks Optional

Uniforms

NIM Kids Summer Camp is a uniform camp. Our uniform is designed to help identify staff and campers as well as to give us a similar feel to the men and women in our military.

WHO	SPECIFICS
Campers	NIM t-shirt Appropriate length athletic shorts Appropriate athletic footwear: closed toe and heel
CIT's	NIM provided t-shirt or CIT shirt Appropriate length khaki/blue/black Or jean shorts Appropriate athletic foot wear: closed toe and heel
All staff	NIM provided staff shirt Appropriate length khaki/blue/black Or jean shorts Appropriate athletic foot wear: closed toe and heel

Animals

No pets or animals may be brought to the summer program. The exception to this are animals that are brought for educational purposes by Oxbow Meadows or Ft. Benning.

Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, and Weapons

► Alchol and illegal drugs are not allowed on campus.

► NIM Kids Camp is a smoke-free environment. Smoking and vaping are prohibited during camp and while on the WWII St. campus.

► No weapons are permitted on campus. Exception to this are the weapons used for historical education brought by staff.

Emergency Communication:

Phone contact with parent/guardian is established in an emergency.

Contacting Parents/Guardians:

The Camp Director or Assistant Director will contact parents/ guardians by phone when there is concern about a person's health and/or when a situation is not progressing as expected. In the event that the parents/guardians cannot be reached an attempt to reach the alternate contact will be made.

If necessary camp personnel will leave a voice message on answering machines that appropriately communicates the need for a given parent to call the camp.

Prescription Medication Where Is It Kept And How Does My Camper Get It?

Staff members and campers are not permitted to keep any medication in their personal belongings while on campus. If you need to take medication while you are at camp you will need to turn it in to the Camp Director with a Med form. Staff and camper meds will be kept in a locked container in the kitchen and will be available at lunch.

What Can My Camper(s) Do To Stay Healthy During The Summer?

Follow these easy procedures:

►Apply sunscreen before coming to camp. We will apply more throughout the day.

►Drink LOTS of water

►Wear appropriate footwear, (closed toe and heel)

►Wear a hat when outside

►Get plenty of sleep

Food

- Campers may not bring snack items or lunch to camp. Snacks and lunch are provided by the camp and are only available when served. Food Allergies and dietary restrictions will be taken into consideration case by case.

- NO CHEWING GUM or CANDY!

* **We are a nut-free campus**

Electronics Policies

At camp we will leave media, games, etc. behind for a few hours every day and focus on history, teambuilding and fun activities.

Camper Electronics:

Any item that makes phone calls or accesses the internet is not permitted at camp.

Examples of permitted and not permitted electronics:

NOTES:

Camp will not take responsibility for replacing electronic devices brought to camp, which may be damaged or lost. If any of the items not permitted are brought to camp, we will collect them and return them at the end of the day.

YES	NO
Disposable Camera	Any Cell Phone
Fitbit	Any version of an iPod Touch
	Handheld video gaming system
	Tablet/E-Reader
	Video Camera
	Smart Watches (Apple Watch, Fitbit Ionic)
	Voice activated devices (Alexa, Google Home, etc.)

Camper Behavior

Campers are expected to show respect for fellow campers, counselors, staff, and camp property. Disruptive behavior and physical aggression are not acceptable. If a camper cannot live within the rules of the camp or the camper's behavior adversely affects the experiences of other children, they will be pulled aside for a discussion and given some tome to think about the behavior. Parents will be notified of unacceptable behavior. If behavior continues the camper will be dismissed from camp. Behaviors that endanger the safety and well-being of the child or other children or staff are considered major violations and are subject to immediate dismissal at the Camp Director's discretion. No refunds are given to dismissed participants.

Camp T-Shirts

One camp t-shirt is provided to each camper at check-in. We recommend that you label the t-shirt with your camper's name.

Extra t-shirts are available for pre-order. For more Information please contact the Camp Director.

Sunscreen and Bug Repellent

Camp will provide both sunscreen and bug repellent as needed during the day.

- Ranger Ready Repellent
- Rocky Mountain Sunscreen

If you would like details on these products please contact the Camp Director.

Directions to NIM Kids Summer Camp

Drop Off and Pick Up

From Ft. Benning:

North on Ft. Benning Blvd

Left onto Legacy Way

Cut through parking lot to S. Lumpkin

Pass museum on left

Take left into U-Bend

From North Columbus:

I-185 South

Take Exit #1B on your right towards US-27N/ US-280W/Victory Dr/US 431

Turn Left onto S. Lumpkin Rd.

Pass Museum on Left

Take left into U-Bend

From Down Town Columbus:

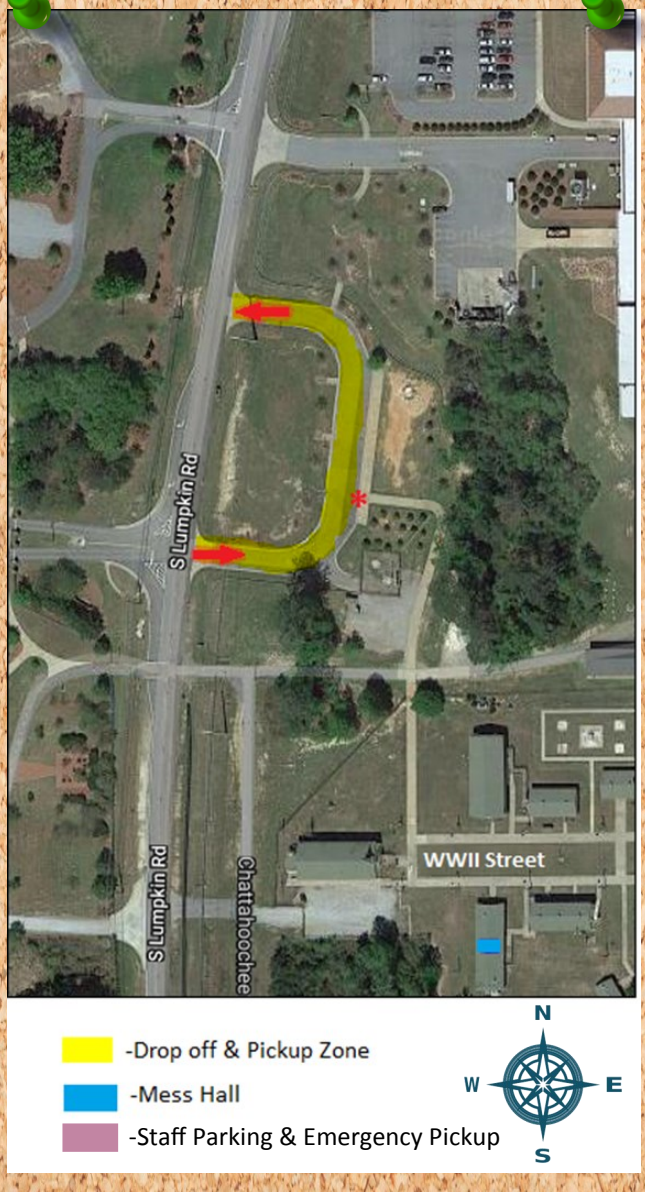
South on Veterans Drive

Left on Victory Drive

Right onto S. Lumpkin Road

Pass Museum on Left

Take left into U-Bend



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An Adventure Through Time

Notes

Emergency Contacts:

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