

2008 Camp Life General Information

Camp Hollymont for Girls

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(Business Mailing Address)

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Asheville, North Carolina 28806
(Summer Address - after June 4th)

2008 Camp Dates:

A-1W Session June 15 – June 20
A Session June 15 – June 27

B1 Session July 1 - July 13
B2 Session July 13 - July 25

C-1W Session July 27 – August 1
C Session July 27 - August 8

AB1 Session June 15 - July 11
B Session June 29 - July 25
B2C Session July 13 - August 8

1. Opening Day:

It is best to arrive between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. of the appropriate opening Sunday.

When you arrive at Hollymont, you and your camper will be greeted by counselors at the unloading/loading zone in front of Laurel Lodge. To allow for safe and smooth traffic flow, please allow the utility crew to unload your camper's luggage and move your vehicle around the circle to the opposite side. Your camper will need to come up on the front porch to receive her hall/cluster assignment, check in with the business office, meet the camp nurses, and pick up her clothing order from the clothing room.

Late arrivals - Please give us advance notice if your camper will be arriving later than 1:30 p.m. of her opening Sunday. Camp directors will begin calling parents of any unexplained absentee camper after 2 p.m. of the camper's opening day.

2. Closing Day:

Please plan your daughter's departure between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon of her session's closing day. There will be no formal closing ceremonies for parents. 13 and 27-day campers will participate in a night activity/awards ceremony the evening prior to their Friday departure.

When you arrive at camp, please come directly to the front porch and sign your child out. We will give you a camper packet with camper medications, cluster names/addresses, a camp picture, etc.

We must have advance, written permission to release your camper if someone other than the parent/legal guardian is picking up your daughter.

Late Departures - Please give us advance notice if your camper will be departing later than 1:30 p.m. of her opening Sunday. After 2 p.m., camp directors will begin calling parents of any remaining campers on the camper's closing day. Please be aware that after 1 p.m. counselors will be cleaning and re-configuring the camper rooms for the next session before departing for their time off. Campers who are staying over for the next session will go on an off-campus activity. Arrangements must be made for adequate supervision of late departures.

3. Airline Arrangements: If you anticipate flying your daughter to camp, we suggest that you make reservations as soon as possible. The Asheville Regional Airport is served by Continental/Continental Express, Delta/Delta Connections, Northwest/NWA AirlinK, and US Airways/US Airways Express. The Asheville Airport's website is: www.flyavl.com

Please read carefully the enclosed transportation form and the trunk shipping form for the information regarding air passenger escort services and baggage procedures.

We strongly recommend morning flights for camp arrivals and departures.

Campers traveling without parents/adults will be greeted at the Asheville Airport and returned to the airport by camp personnel in accordance with the parent's arrangements (transportation form) and as airport security procedures allow.

4. Camper Rooms: In addition to beds, camper rooms usually have a desk with three drawers, a chest of drawers with five drawers, and a closet. This space will be shared by all roommates. Suitcases, duffel bags, and/or trunks may be stored under or at the end of the bed as space permits. Most rooms have loft space above the closet for suitcase / trunk shipping box storage.

5. Care Packages: NO FOOD OR GUM, PLEASE! The problems (sanitation, hurt feelings, poor eating habits) created by "food" packages far outweigh the joys of receiving them. We encourage packages of books, games, and clothing. Please understand that this policy is for the good of your camper and her fellow campers. **Remember: Campers really enjoy receiving cards and letters every day!**

6. Camper Birthdays: If your daughter's birthday occurs while she is at camp, she will receive a birthday cake after lunch or dinner and everyone in the dining hall will sing happy birthday to her. Her counselor and cluster mates will decorate her door. If you wish to give her counselor special birthday decorations/treats, you may do so. If you wish to send flowers and/or balloons, you may do so. Becky's Florist (828-253-2975) is near camp and delivers.

7. Laundry Service: No laundry service is provided for 6-day and 13-day campers. 27-day campers will be able to send their dirty clothes to an out-of-camp laundry once between the 13-day sessions. We have limited laundry facilities available at Hollymont for staff use. We will monitor each cluster and wash a load of wet towels as needed.

8. Camp Store: The camp store is open on opening day and daily during canteen time. Stamps, cards, stationery, disposable cameras, toothbrushes, and clothing are sold in the camp store.

9. Camp Clothing: We request that each girl have a tribe shirt. For best selection, we suggest that you pre-order camp store items (except for the tribe shirt). You will pick up your order on opening day and may exchange items if necessary. The tribe shirt may be purchased once the camper knows what tribe she's in (usually on Tuesday).

10. Spending Money: Charges for camp store & canteen, cluster & hall activities, excessive laundry, and personal items/medical expenses will be deducted from the camper's account. We suggest a deposit of \$100 per 13-day session (\$50 per week). The campers rarely need cash at camp. Any unused spending money is refunded at the end of the session. Any spending overage can be settled on closing day at the camp office, or you will be billed.

11. Health Form: Enclosed you will find our camp health form. This is to be filled out, signed by YOU AND YOUR PHYSICIAN, and **returned to the camp office by June 1st**. Be sure to read and sign the Parent's Authorization statement. Those who require glasses for constant wear should bring an extra pair or a copy of their prescription. Please be sure to include your own medical insurance name and number. **The camp does not provide medical coverage for doctor or hospital visits.**

12. Horseback Riding: To maintain a quality riding program, enrollment will be limited. Campers must pre-register for riding. **Appropriate gear is a necessity.** To resolve health and safety concerns, please bring your own riding helmet. Riding pants or jeans are required. We recommend wearing shoes with heels and smooth surfaced soles.

13. Costumes and Musical Instruments: Please feel free to bring your costumes, musical instrument(s), and accompaniment music/CDs to camp. The opportunities to use your instruments and costumes are many. **Please see the packing list sheet for a list of special session activities.**

14. Please – No Animals, Valuables, Vehicles, or Harmful Items

We ask that cash be brought to the business office on opening day. We will deposit the money in a local bank and credit your daughter's spending account.

Animals, expensive jewelry (watches, rings, necklaces, etc.), electronics (cell phones, iPods/MP3 players, Walkman's, CD/ DVD players, Game Boys, Palm Pilots, laptop computers, etc.) should be left at home. While items of value are brought to camp to enhance the experience (tennis racquets, musical instruments, riding gear, etc.), **we reserve the right to collect any possession for the purpose of monitoring or restricting its use during camp** (athletic equipment, electronics, etc.). Such items will be returned for supervised use and/or prior to the camper's departure from Hollymont. **WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE OR SIMILAR ITEMS kept in the cluster (camper's or counselor's room).**

Possession and/or use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, knives, firearms, and explosives are prohibited. We reserve the right to search camper possessions at the discretion of the directors.

Campers and staff (under age 18) are prohibited from bringing motorized vehicles (cars, scooters, etc.), skates, skateboards, and bicycles to camp.

15. Mail: Your daughter's counselor will write you once during the session. All campers are also encouraged to write home!

Campers enjoy getting mail, so please write happy letters of encouragement and interest.

Summer mailing address is: Camp Hollymont, 360 Asheville School Rd, Asheville, NC 28806.

Camper mail is usually distributed during the mid-afternoon rest hour. You may access the Bunk1 website to purchase and send e-mails to your camper. These e-mails are downloaded each morning and distributed with the regular afternoon mail. (See enclosed information letter.)

16. Sunday Services: Sundays at Hollymont are carefully planned to be interesting, impressive and inspirational for all age groups. We encourage campers and staff to wear dresses for Sunday morning worship in the Chapel.

17. Visiting: We recognize that frequent visiting can cause homesickness, particularly to children away from home for the first time. Most parents do not visit during a 13-day session. If you wish to do so, Sunday is the best day. (Visitors for 27-day campers may come on Sunday or on the between session weekend as activities permit.)

We are ever mindful of the responsibility to keep your daughter safe; and we train our staff to be vigilant regarding visitors on campus. We would appreciate advance notice if you plan to visit during the session.

If persons other than parents will be visiting, we request advance notice and written parental permission before allowing your daughter to leave camp with these visitors.

Guest Meals: We regret that our dining hall facilities do not permit having guests at meals. However, you may take your daughter(s) out to eat.

18. Telephone Calls and Use: We ask that telephone communication to or from home be limited to emergencies. Otherwise, important lessons of independence and self-reliance beyond the home situation can be short-circuited by a quick call to or from home.

We request that your daughter leave her cell phone at home. If your child is traveling alone and has a cell phone, please instruct her to give the phone to her counselor when she arrives at camp. It will be returned when your daughter leaves camp.

Please feel free to call the office and leave a detailed message for your child's counselors and/or the directors. Since staff and campers are busy in activities and are rarely immediately accessible by phone, the counselor, head counselor, or director will return your call.

19. Hotel Accommodations: Make your reservations early. This is the heart of the tourist area. Additional visitor information may be found at: www.ashevillechamber.org

Name	Address	Telephone
Ramada -Biltmore West	I-40, Exit 44, Asheville	828-667-4501 - 1 mile
Sleep Inn **	I-40, Exit 44, Asheville	828-670-7600 – 1 mile
**Call directly, identify yourself as a Camp Hollymont parent, and ask for the L15 rate		
Holiday Inn-Biltmore West	I-40, Exit 44, Asheville	800-678-2161 – 2 miles
Double Tree-Biltmore	I-40, Exit 50, Asheville	828-274-1800 – 8 mile
The Inn on Biltmore Estate	I-40, Exit 50, Asheville	800-858-4130 – 9 miles
Grove Park Inn	Grove Park, Asheville	800-438-5800 – 11 miles
Richmond Hill	I-240, Hwy. 19-23, Exit 251	888-742-4554 – 7 miles
Comfort Suites	I-26, Exit 33	800-622-4005 – 5 miles
Holiday Inn-Airport	I-26, Exit 40	828-684-1213 – 12 miles

20. Directions:

From the South & the Asheville Regional Airport: I-26 West to I-40 West (toward Knoxville), Exit #44

From the North: US 19-23 South / I-26 East to I-240 West to I-40 West, Exit #44.

From the East and West: I-40 to Exit #44

At Exit 44 (Enka-Candler):

Turn left at red light (at end of exit ramp) and proceed one mile (past Pizza Hut and Lowes).

Near the base of the hill, turn right onto Asheville School Road.

Follow the road (1/2 mile) to the last lodge on the right.

Watch for Asheville School signs to Lawrence Hall. On opening and closing day, watch for Camp Hollymont signs to Laurel Lodge.