Dear Families and Campers,

Welcome to Camp Braveheart!

I look forward to seeing some of you again and meeting some of you for the first time. We are going to have a great time!

For all of you coming for the first time, it is common to be a little nervous, I promise you will have a good time. You will learn, grow, honor, and remember your loved one(s), but also have fun in the process.

Things to Bring to Camp

- ☐ Items for a Memory Box which can include the following:
    - Pictures, t-shirts, other articles of clothing, sunglasses, watches, coffee cups, and game pieces representing games the camper would play with their loved one. If your child already has a memory box or DVD, they are welcome to bring it to camp.
    - If you have not already done so, please email a picture of your loved one(s) to be used in a memorial service during camp. We know these are cherished items and we promise to treat them that way. It is good to have copies of items that can be copied and please do not send irreplaceable objects in case something does happen beyond our control.
- ☐ Backpack to carry items to and from their cabins and the lake. We ask returning campers to bring the backpack they received in the previous years.
- ☐ Bedding-sleeping backs or sheets and a blanket, and a pillow (temperatures at night are unpredictable, pack for cold AND warm nights).
- ☐ Towels (several for bathing and at least one for lake swimming).
- ☐ Bag for dirty clothes.
- ☐ Shoes and socks: tennis shoes (for hiking) and other comfortable shoes for going to the lake and leisure time.
- ☐ Camp clothes: shorts, t-shirt, long pants, jacket (for cold evenings), one-piece bathing suit, and raincoat or poncho.
- ☐ Bug repellant, sunscreen, medications, and other necessary toiletries.
- ☐ Bible.
- ☐ Mask only if needed… we are not requiring masks for participants this year.
- ☐ Water Bottle.
- ☐ A small amount of additional money. Each camper will be given a short sleeve t-shirt as a gift from Camp Braveheart. The camp store sells long sleeve t-shirts for $30. There is a soda machine at camp. The camper may need to buy meals traveling to and from camp, especially if your child is taking the camp bus back to Roanoke. Camp Braveheart provides all meals, snacks and fun gifts while the camper is at camp. Therefore, there is no great need for anyone to have money.
- ☐ Talent show props. We will have a talent show for anyone who chooses to participate. Your child or children will be responsible for bringing any props they desire for this event.

Additional Needed Information

Campers are not allowed to have any food or gum in the cabins. Plenty of food and snacks will be provided for the camper.

Camp Braveheart is an electronic free experience. Please do not bring cell phones, gaming devices or electronic tablets. Some campers may want to check in on you due to the therapeutic nature of the camp. If that is the case, they may use my phone or other volunteer's phones to call home during the day. I prefer they do not call home at night when they are tired and more emotional. A child will never be prevented to call.

Arrival and Departure Information

You are responsible for arranging for your child's arrival to and from the camp site unless they are traveling on the designated bus.

Ridge Haven Conference and Retreat Center
215 Ridge Haven Road
Brevard, NC 28712

Arrival at Ridge Haven: **Monday, June 7, 2027 at 2:00 PM**

Departure from Ridge Haven: **Saturday, June 12, 2027 at 10:00 AM**

If you are dropping your camper off at Ridge Haven, you will be greeted at the Ridge Haven Conference and Retreat Center Entrance Gate. You will be directed to the check-in point for Camp Braveheart and the cabins where the campers will stay. There are other camps going on at the same time. We are there, so you will need to follow directions for Camp Braveheart.

We recommend that campers do not bring electronic items such as phones, tablets, games, etc. with them to camp. Camp Braveheart is not responsible for, nor will they replace any items under any circumstances. **Your child will assume full responsibility for any and all personal items they bring with them to camp.**

Final Camp Fees Payment

If you have not already done so, please pay the balance for your child's camp fees by May 19th, 2027 unless you have received a scholarship. Your final payment can be made through our website: www.campbraveheart.com under Camp Registration -> Final Camp Payment.

Cancellations

You will be responsible for the full cost of camp, less any deposit previously paid, for cancellations made after 9:00 AM on May 19, 2027.

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