



Antiochian Village 2019

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Camper Registration Instructions

for ages 9-17 or entering
the 4th Grade in September 2019

Dear Camper Parent,

We are very excited about the upcoming 2019 camping season! We are pleased to continue to offer an online registration system that can be launched from our website, www.avcamp.org, where you can register, make payments, and update personal information.

This page contains vital information regarding the registration process. Please read **all** of the instructions carefully before filling out the Registration Form, even if your child has attended camp in previous years, as some of our policies have changed. We would like your child to have the best experience possible, and your cooperation is vital.

Once your camper is registered, you will receive a confirmation email. In preparation for camp, please be sure to read the Camper/Parent Handbook, the Medical Examination Form, and other forms to assist you and your child in preparation for the summer camp experience. This information contains necessary instructions of things to expect and how to get ready for the summer. It is imperative that you log back in to your account to complete/verify the health history information, which will be made available to you in the spring. Please note that your child is not registered for camp until we receive the \$100 deposit and you receive a confirmation email.

While we want every child to have the Village experience, we can only accommodate a certain number of children during summer camp. However, to continue to accommodate the growing demand for summer camp, we have developed other programs here at the Village to provide a similar experience. These programs include Family Camp, offered during Memorial Day weekend, and Winter Family Camp offered during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in January, where you and your whole family can enjoy the Village experience; and our Sacred Arts Camp programs, Iconography Camp and Byzantine Chanting Camp. We also have Winter Camp offered in February for teenagers, and Adult Camp in September for those 21+. In addition to programs here at the Village, we are supporting the development of other camping programs throughout our Archdiocese. Please contact the camp office or visit the Department of Camping website at <http://www.antiochian.org/camps> for more information regarding these programs.

The demand for camp is great and space fills up quickly. We encourage all parents to register early. We pray that you all have a wonderful year, and we look forward to seeing you soon at the Village!

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Anthony G. Yazge
Camp Director

Counselors-in-Training (CITs): Campers who are 17 or 18 years of age may apply to be selected as a Counselor in Training (CIT). CIT applicants should **apply online**. If you are 17 years old and applying as a CIT, you may also apply as a camper, in case you are not selected as a CIT. However, we do encourage you to apply as a camper as soon as possible, as campers are selected on a first come first serve basis.

Registration: For a camper to be registered, you must complete the registration online, secured with a \$100 non-refundable deposit for each camper. The camper fee is **\$800 for the two-week camper session**.

Cancellation: We appreciate prompt notification if a camper must cancel. Cancellations before June 1 will receive a full refund less the deposit. After June 1, refunds of tuition payments may be requested in writing and will only be granted if a replacement for the open spot is found, except in cases of family emergency.

Financial Assistance: Each parish in the Antiochian Archdiocese is provided with \$700 in financial assistance funds from the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Your parish priest determines the disbursement of these funds and can be consulted for all details. In addition to these funds, additional financial assistance funds are available from the Antiochian Village and can be requested by completing the AV Financial Assistance Request Form that may be filled out on the camp website. All financial assistance requests should be completed by March 1 to receive consideration. Notification of additional financial assistance awards will be sent around April 1.

Insurance: All campers should be covered by their family policy. While the Village will act as guarantor, any costs incurred by the Camp in providing required treatment for doctor's appointments, prescriptions, etc., will be billed to the parents/guardian.

Medical Information: Through your online account, you will be able to access both the online parent medical form as well as the Physician form. Both must be completed no later than **one month prior** to arrival or the camper's spot may be forfeited. The Physician form may be directly uploaded into your camper's registration online, or you may send it to us via US Mail or fax. **There will be a \$50 fee for any forms received late**. In addition, you must log in to your account and complete or verify your camper's health history at least one month prior to arrival at camp or be subject to a \$50 late charge. This information is critical and we must provide our medical team sufficient time to review the health history and prepare for all of our campers.

Billing Information: *Balance of all payments are due on May 1*, or the camper's spot may be forfeited. All balances will be billed to the campers' parents/guardian, regardless of any parish subsidies. As in the past, we anticipate many campers on the waiting list, thus any campers with outstanding balances after May 1 may forfeit their spot to a camper on the waiting list. If an extension is needed for paying your balance, you may request this by e-mailing office@avcamp.org, and this must be approved by the Camp Director.

Transportation to the Village: The Village provides round-trip ground transportation for campers flying into the Pittsburgh airport and Latrobe airport, or arriving by bus or train to Johnstown, PA. Campers are met at the gate upon arrival and escorted back to the gate for departure by a uniformed staff member. More details are provided on our website under Summer Camp and in our Camper Parent Booklet. Parents are responsible for notifying the camp of all travel arrangements no later than two weeks prior to arrival. **There will be a \$50 fee assessed for any travel arrangements received late.**

Cabin Assignments: Campers stay in cabins typically with six or seven campers and one or two counselors. Campers are grouped according to age and gender. We are unable to accept roommate requests.

Photos/DVDs: Hundreds of photos will be taken and posted online during the camping session, and these will be made available to you for purchase as downloads or prints. Also, a souvenir video will be taped during each camping session. There is a \$20.00 fee for each DVD.

Camp Activities: Life at camp takes full advantage of our outdoor setting. Activities include field sports, Ropes Course, archery, swimming, canoeing, overnight camping on-site for most ages, and an overnight backpacking trip and hike off-camp at the nearby Laurel Ridge State Park for some of our oldest campers (usually age 17). Rainy days are a frequent occurrence, so rain gear is a must. Please read the Camper Parent Booklet thoroughly for more information.

Conduct: All campers are expected to act in ways appropriate to an Orthodox Christian setting. While all disciplinary action will be taken to attempt resolution on-site, the Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss campers for gross violations of camp rules. Parents will be responsible for arranging and covering costs for their child's early departure.

Camper Emails: Parents may purchase packages of five (5) Emails for \$5.00 each, to be able to email their child(ren) while at camp. Parents may purchase these emails at the time of registration, and will be able to log-in via the Antiochian Village website to send email to their child(ren). Campers will not be able to send responses via email.

More information: Upon being registered, a link to the Camper Parent Handbook and forms will be emailed to each family which contains the necessary information to adequately prepare yourself and your child for camp. Please be sure a correct email address is included in the registration form. Also, please be sure to list our email address (office@avcamp.org) as a safe sender so correspondence from our office is not tagged as spam.

<i>Session Number</i>	<i>Session Dates</i>	<i>Tuition (balance due by May 1)</i>	<i>CIT Cost</i>
Session 1 (1 week)	June 16 – 23, 2019	\$475	
Session 1 (2 weeks)	June 16 – June 28, 2019	\$800	\$450
Byzantine Chant Camp	June 16 – June 28, 2019	\$800	
Session 2 (2 weeks)	June 30 – July 12, 2019	\$800	\$450
Session 3 (2 weeks)	July 14 – 26, 2019	\$800	\$450
Iconography Camp	July 14 – 22, 2019	\$550	
Session 4 (2 weeks)	July 28 – August 9, 2019	\$800	\$450

NON-DISCRIMINATORY NOTICE: The Antiochian Village does not and will not discriminate against any student, employee, or other person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, veteran's status, or disability.