

Antiochian Village



Camper Parent Handbook

Dates to Remember

Requests for financial assistance

Due by March 1

Full payment due

Due by May 1

Completed Online Health Form (parent portion)

At least 1 month prior to arrival

FARE Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan form (if applicable)

At least 1 month prior to arrival

Physician Authorization Form

At least 1 month prior to arrival

Send travel information if driving, flying, train or bus

At least 1 month prior to arrival

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Christ is in our midst!

We are very excited that you have registered your child (or children) for camp at the Antiochian Village. You are in good company. According to the American Camp Association, millions of kids attend camp each year, and more than 2,600 young people attend camps throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese each summer alone. We appreciate the fact that you are ready to entrust into our care the ones who mean the most in the world to you. We work hard to never take that trust for granted, and feel privileged to be able to partner with you in the spiritual growth of your child.

The following pages contain information vital to your ability to properly prepare your child and your family for camp this summer at the Antiochian Village. We take the safety and well-being of your child as our first priority, and therefore **we ask and expect that you will read each section carefully** so that you can properly prepare your camper for their Village experience, and we can be properly prepared to receive and care for them. This is especially important as we constantly strive to improve our work, and this booklet includes some information which has been changed from previous years.

We look forward to seeing your child at camp this summer here at the Village!

Your servant in Christ,

V. Rev. Anthony G. Yazge
Camp Director



Antiochian Village Mission Statement

Antiochian Village Camp transforms the lives of young people & families and nurtures their faith in Jesus Christ through Orthodox Christian community living, worship, education, fellowship, and love.

Resources for Parents

We believe that it is important for our camper parents to be informed and to have confidence in our staff and programs. Safety is always a priority for our ministry. We do this by hiring some of the finest young men and women to serve on our staff; through extensive training and education; having a team of professionals from a variety of disciplines to support our ministry; by having at least one full-time Registered Nurse to run our Health Center; and by providing resources for our parents among other things.

We receive our accreditation by the American Camp Association which signifies that we uphold the highest standards for safety and programming in the camping industry. We are visited every five years by a team of accreditation visitors to ensure that we are maintaining these standards for excellence.

We encourage you to visit the American Camp Association's website for more information about accreditation and to see resources:

www.acacamps.org and www.campparents.org.

In addition to this Camper Parent Handbook, we have a resource page for parents on our website:

<https://avcamp.org/for-parents/>

We also have **After-Camp Resources** available for Campers, Parents, Clergy/Parish Youth Workers, as well as a summary of our Morning Program Christian Education curriculum on our website. These resources exist to help process the experience of camp.

Please visit: <https://avcamp.org/after-camp-resources/>

Preparing Your Camper for Camp Life

The camp experience is like other important experiences in life: the better one is prepared, the more one gets out of the experience. This section covers all of the key areas that require attention before your camper leaves home. One of the first things to do, especially with new campers (but returning campers need reminders, too!) is to talk with your camper(s) about what they can expect. Below are a few things you should review with your campers to help ease their transition to camp life.

A Typical Day at Camp

Each session is filled with activities that allow young people to experience a holistic Orthodox Christian lifestyle. Campers experience an average day with cabin wake-up at 7 AM, Orthros at 8 AM, followed by breakfast at 9 AM where, as at all meals, we begin and end with community prayer. Songs and playful chants are often heard at mealtimes that help create an atmosphere of love and fellowship. Divided into groups of two or three cabins, the morning program consists of two one-hour sessions, filled with Christian Education classes and other activities such as lives of the saints and chanting.

Lunch is attended by all staff and campers to refuel for an afternoon of sports and fun. All campers attend two one-hour afternoon periods where they choose from Arts and Crafts, swimming, soccer, volleyball, basketball, archery, canoeing, angleball, and AV ball, just to name a few. The campers get a snack from the Gimme Shop (included in the camper tuition) and are able to peruse the Camp Bookstore from 4:00-4:30 PM under the supervision of the Volunteers and CIT's (Counselors In Training), while our staff holds a daily meeting.

4:30 PM offers rest and quiet or social time within the cabin. Evening commences with Vespers at 6:15 PM where camper/staff participation is not only encouraged but gracefully served, and at 7:15 PM we have dinner.

Each evening at 8 PM, the campers are entertained and involved in a wide variety of programs such as serenade night, pool party, skit night, talent night, themed dances, and much more.

Following evening program, cabin time allows for unwinding and unanswered questions for individual cabins. Contemporary moral issues may be addressed in older cabins while younger cabins are getting needed rest.

Campers are rotated to Challenge Ropes Course (11 and up), and overnight camping (11 and up) at least once during the two-week camp sessions.

Camp Life

Nearly everything about life at camp is different than life at home. Preparing your camper with as much information as possible will be helpful to their adjustment. While giving them a positive preview of their coming experience, let them know that life will be different, and that you want them to gain many new experiences while away. Some of the areas to prepare them for include the following:

Living Arrangements

Campers typically live with five or six fellow campers and their counselor in shared quarters. Each cabin has 4 sets of bunk beds (Cabin 48 has more) and a private bathroom. Campers are grouped according to age and gender. **We are unable to accept roommate requests.** One of the best aspects of the camp experience is learning to adjust to group living, making new friends, and getting along as part of a team.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are eaten together as a cabin and part of the greater community in our Dining Hall. Rest assured, our dietician-reviewed menu is both nutritious and attempts to meet the variety of tastes of the campers. Many items will be to your child's liking, some items served may be things your child may never have tried before, while other items may be things they dislike. Because of our need to feed over 350 people in a relatively short period of time, we are not able to handle special requests for meals. Please help your camper by relaying your expectation that they will try new things and eat what is served. If for medical reasons there are dietary restrictions or food allergies for your camper, please notify the camp in writing, at least one month prior to arrival, so that the Camp Nurse and Kitchen Staff may properly prepare for your camper's arrival.

If your camper has food allergies or there are medical reasons for dietary restrictions, please provide a physician note outlining the necessary dietary needs of your camper. For a camper with food allergies, the FARE Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan must be completed and signed by both parent/guardian and physician and submitted along with all required healthcare information forms one month prior to the start of his/her camping session. This form may be found at www.avcamp.org/forms/. To help offset the additional costs for this meal planning, all special dietary requests will include a \$25 supplemental fee per camper.

Fasting

As an Orthodox Christian camp, we adhere to the tenets of the Orthodox Christian Faith, and therefore, on prescribed days we follow the fast of the Church in a very simple and humble attempt. Our fasting practice here at Antiochian Village is to refrain from meats on fasting days. While we recognize that families follow different fasting practices, here at the Village we feel this is a reasonable expectation of all campers and staff to aid us in our spiritual growth. We encourage you as parents to speak with your children about fasting so it is not a surprise while at camp.

Camp Activities

Life at camp takes full advantage of our outdoor setting. Activities include field sports, Challenge Ropes Course, archery, swimming, canoeing, and overnight camping on-site for most ages. Rainy days are a frequent occurrence, so rain gear is a must. Our oldest campers (age 17 and sometimes 16), will go on an off-site hiking trip, so please pack sturdy hiking shoes!

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.

Independence

Last but not least, one of the major adjustments campers experience is being independent from parents, with typically no contact during the camping session. This can be one of the most positive experiences they can have at camp and one which can be invaluable in the process of growing up. Be aware that as a parent, you may need to prepare for this as much—if not more—than your camper!

Arrangements to Make Before Camp

Fees

Balance of all payments is due by May 1, or the camper's spot may be offered to those on the waitlist for that particular session. Special payment arrangements can be made by emailing office@avcamp.org and are subject to approval by the Camp Director, but such requests must be received prior to the May 1 deadline. All balances will be billed to the camper's parents, regardless of any parish subsidies, so parents are encouraged to ensure that all parish subsidies are paid before the May 1 deadline to avoid losing their camper's spot in the session. Included in this fee is a \$50 medical information deposit. If medical information is completed by the 1-month deadline, then this deposit will be refunded.

Financial Assistance Information

The Antiochian Village Camp is committed to ensure a young person is not denied the opportunity to attend camp due to financial concerns. Three efforts are used to assist camper families in financial need. Assistance is often provided through the Camp's resources and financial assistance fundraising, the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch Financial Assistance, and parish tuition assistance as well as some parishes subsidizing transportation to and from camp (check with your parish priest about parish assistance).

Each parish in the Antiochian Archdiocese receives \$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. Parish priests must turn in this information to the Department of Camping at the Antiochian Village no later than March 1 or these funds will be disbursed to other needy campers through the general Financial Assistance Fund.

Additional funds are also available from the Antiochian Village for families needing financial assistance. To request financial assistance, please fill out the online "Financial Assistance Request Form" on our website: www.avcamp.org/forms, no later than March 1. Notification of awards will be sent around April 1. All financial assistance requests are confidential, and awards are only given on the basis of financial need.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

We appreciate prompt notification in the event of cancellation. 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 (not family choice). The deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Health Care

Your camper's health and safety are our #1 priority. To adequately serve our campers, our

health care staff needs enough time to prepare for their arrival. Therefore, all healthcare information including completion of the online health information, the completed and physician signed medical exam form, and, if applicable, the completed and parent/guardian and physician signed FARE Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan form are due 1 month prior to the start of his/her camping session. If the health information is submitted and completed by the 1-month deadline, a \$50 refund will be credit to the camper. If you are unable to meet this 1-month deadline, please contact the camp office at 724-238-9565 or office@avcamp.org.

The Health History & Information for your camper may be submitted online by logging into your account and clicking on the link to the Health Form under your camper's name. You may also download this form at <http://www.avcamp.org/forms>. Our Camp Nurse reviews all medical forms in advance. Forms are occasionally lost in transit when being sent, so please make a copy of the completed form before mailing it to the Camp Office. If your child has any medical issues or conditions requiring special accommodations at camp, please contact the Camp Office as soon as possible. Please do not allow embarrassment to prevent us from providing adequate care for your child in your absence. The form is confidential and the information is only available to the Camp Director, the Health Staff, and any trip leaders.

A Registered Nurse is in residence during the camping season to take care of any health care needs. Upon your camper's arrival, he/she will meet with the Camp Nurse to review any medical concerns. All medication (prescription and over the counter) will be collected upon arrival at camp, so please pack them in an accessible location. **Prescription medication must be brought in the original prescription container with the original pharmacy label.** Please do not send over-the-counter medications with your camper, as we stock it in our Health Center (Tylenol, Advil, cold medicine, etc.)

Health Insurance

All campers should be covered by their family policy. While the Antiochian 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 camper's parents or guardian.

Travel Information

For parents sending their campers to camp via plane, train or bus, all travel information must be received in our office at least 1 month before the first day of the camp session. There is a \$10 transportation charge each way if your child requires to be taken to and/or from an airport, train station, or bus station. If travel information is received late, then there is an additional \$25 fee each way (\$35 total each way). See "Sending Campers by Plane, Train or Bus" on page 14 – 15 for more details.

Photos/Videos

75 to 100 photos will be taken daily and posted online via the Antiochian Village homepage on SmugMug.com. These photos will be available for your viewing pleasure as well as for purchase, and can be accessed from our website, <https://avcamp.smugmug.com>. This keeps parents and friends back home informed of the daily activities at camp. Only participants' first names (not last names) will be used on the website.

Throughout your child's stay at the Antiochian Village, staff members will be videotaping footage which will be included in a Camp Video that will be shown to the camp at the end of the session. This video will be primarily for the participants as a memento of their experience. However, video footage will also be used for purposes of promoting the Antiochian Village and its programs. There is a \$20.00 fee for each video, which can be purchased before or after the session. Because only one video is produced for each camp session, you may wish to order only one video if sending more than one child. Please know that we do our best to have each camper videotaped and photographed, but do not expect to see your camper on our website daily.

Media Consent

Parents must sign a Media Consent Form granting or denying permission for their child's picture and video to be taken for the camp photos and videos and promotional materials for the camp. This form can be filled out online in your Antiochian Village account during the registration process, where you may read it and grant or deny permission for us to photograph and/or videotape your camper(s).

Sending a First-Time Camper

If this is your child's first trip to Antiochian Village for camp, your preparation in advance will go a long way toward helping them have a great experience and minimize the effects of homesickness. We have put together an article entitled "Preventing Homesickness" which may be downloaded from our website at <http://www.avcamp.org/forms>. We hope you will read the article and use the suggestions given to best prepare you and your child for their stay away from home. We have also set up a Parents' Resource page on our website with valuable information to assist you through the process of having your child(ren) attend camp at <https://avcamp.org/for-parents/>.

Packing for Camp

Snacks and Care Packages

Please do not include snacks or food items of any type in care packages. Snacks and food items can contain allergens that could cause a serious reaction in a fellow camper. We appreciate your understanding in helping us to provide a safe environment for all campers. Please know that each camper receives two snack items per day from our Gimme Shop, including soda, candy, snacks, fruit, or ice cream, and dessert is served twice daily at lunch and evening program. The cost of these snacks is included in the camper fee. At camp, packages with food are simply an invitation for rodents and ants to come to a scrumptious dinner. Treats from home also often lead to stomachaches and improper nutrition, and complicate relationships between campers with treats and those without. Please note that any food received will be shared immediately and must be nut-free, and/or produced in a factory that does **not** contain nuts. You may call the camp office to purchase any bookstore items for your camper.

Christian Modesty

While camping is of its nature informal, Christian modesty should be your guiding principle when packing. Excessively revealing clothing should not be packed as inappropriate clothing will not be permitted to be worn. Inappropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to: crop tops

(including racer-razor backs), low-cut fronts, skin tight clothing, half shirts, two-piece bathing suits (or one-piece suits with cutouts), tank tops with less than two finger-width straps, tank tops that show your entire side, shorts cut shorter than a few inches above the knee, low-cut waistlines, clothing bearing inappropriate logos, sayings or advertising, and tank-top undershirts. Please visit our Dress Code Policy page of our website: <https://avcamp.org/about/policies/>.

No more than two pairs of earrings are permitted for girls, none for guys. Excess earrings and other body piercings must be removed prior to admittance to camp. Tattoos must be covered at all times while at camp. Sagging pants and exposed underwear are not allowed. We ask that all attire be a sign of respect for one's own self and everyone else in the community.

Because of our outdoor setting with uneven terrain, tree roots, etc, backless shoes (flip-flops, etc.), peep toe shoes (most sandals), and high heels are not safe and should not be packed and are not permitted to be worn at camp. Athletic shoes **must** be worn during Afternoon Program.

Rain is a frequent occurrence so proper rain gear is required so that programs can continue in spite of light rain. As in most of the continental US, mosquitoes in the area may be carriers of West Nile Virus, so we therefore recommend long sleeve t-shirts or other long sleeve shirts during sunset hours when mosquitoes are most active.

Dress for daily Orthros, Vespers, and supplication services is casual but **long pants and covered shoulders are required**. For Divine Liturgies, celebrated three times each session, boys are expected to wear a collared shirt (tie preferred) and nice pants (not jeans), and girls should wear a dress, skirt, or dress pants and blouse. Skirts should be knee length or lower.

We do not recommend bringing expensive or name-brand clothing items to camp. ***Each article of clothing and all gear must be clearly labeled for identification***. Please write name or initials on all clothing and belongings. Cabin storage space is limited, so each camper should bring no more than two pieces of luggage: one suitcase/duffle bag and one carry-on size, either a small bag or backpack. All items left behind will be given to local charities.

Camper Packing List

- Changes of clothing for at least 7 days, with all items marked in indelible ink or tags
- Basic summer-wear (underwear, socks, t-shirts, shorts)
- Nice outfits for Divine Liturgies (3 per session)
- Long pants (jeans or sweats are OK) for church services each day other than Divine Liturgy
- Church Shoes for Divine Liturgy
- Long sleeve t-shirts or other long sleeve shirts (mosquito protection)
- Sturdy tennis/athletic shoes
- Modest swimsuit (no two-piece suits or one-piece with cut-outs permitted)
- Sweater, sweatshirt, or lightweight jacket
- Waterproof raincoat or poncho
- Sleeping bag, sheet (twin-size) and pillow or (twin-size) set of sheets, blanket and pillow
- Laundry Bag, marked with camper's name
- Two towels, washcloth
- Insect Repellent (non-aerosol, 10% max DEET for children 12 and under, 30% max for

- 13 and up)
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries, including: Comb/brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant (non-aerosol)
- Flashlight
- Optional: Bible, camera (marked with name), journal, hiking boots (age 16-17), water bottle, travel games (non-electronic), cards

LEAVE HOME... *(any of these items will be confiscated upon arrival to camp)*

- Food
- All electronics (iPods, cell phones, electronic games, iPads/tablets, etc.)
- Jewelry and other valuables, including sports equipment
- All alcohol and tobacco products (including Juuls, e-cigs, dab pens, etc.)
- Immodest apparel
- Dangerous implements, i.e. knives, axes, fireworks, etc.
- Any illegal substances (campers found with any will be sent home immediately)
- Pets
- Any aerosol products (hairspray, deodorant, insect repellent, etc.)

Laundry

Laundry will be done only once per two-week session, so pack enough clothing to last at least one full week. Each camper will have one load done (so be careful about colors that will run). All campers should bring a laundry bag in which to accumulate dirty clothing. Your child's name should be written on each piece of clothing with a permanent marker or with a name label to minimize loss. Upon return home, please check your camper's luggage immediately, and notify the Camp Office of any lost items. Clothing left behind will be donated to local charities.

Spending Money

The camper fee covers all regular camping expenses. Shopping in our popular Camp Bookstore, which has books, icons, items of clothing bearing the Village logo, stuffed animals, etc. does require spending money, which can be applied using your online account prior to check-in or with a credit/debit card at check-in. Any remaining balance will be returned to the issuer's credit/debit card at the end of the session. No money will be kept with the camper in the cabins, as the Antiochian Village is not responsible for any lost money. If a camper does bring money to camp, that money will be put in the confiscation bin and returned to the camper upon departure. Please do not send cash to your child in the mail while he/she is at camp. Average amounts uploaded to bookstore/gift shop accounts range between \$50 and \$100.

Lost/Stolen Items

The Antiochian Village is not responsible for lost or stolen items at camp. All personal belongings are the responsibility of the owner. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity or thrown away.

During the Camping Session

Relax!

While your child is at camp, take advantage and enjoy the (temporary) quiet! If you miss your kids, write a letter or two (campers love getting mail!) or go to our website to get information about sending emails to your camper. Relax, knowing your children are in good hands.

Visitation Policy

Please feel free to meet our staff and tour the camp facilities on check-in day. However, because campers often become homesick when they see a parent or family member (even parents of other campers), we ask that there be no other visitors to camp during the regular camping session.

For parents who want a more thorough experience of the Antiochian Village, we have scheduled a weekend of Family Camp during Memorial Day Weekend, and Winter Family Camp during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, where you may experience camp life as an entire family. We also offer an Adult Camp during a weekend in September for those 21+.

For Alumni (any former camper, staff, or volunteer over the age of 18), we will hold an Alumni Weekend every few years. Look for announcements, as this is an opportunity for alumni of all ages to return home to the Village.

Contact with your child

The active camp schedule prevents regular contact with your camper. If your child is sent to camp via plane, bus, or train, your child will be required to call home immediately after checking in, in order to confirm his or her safe arrival. Thereafter, outgoing calls may be allowed only at the discretion of the Camp Director, and only for emergency situations. Receiving or placing phone calls during the session disrupts the program and often makes homesickness worse, so we do not allow them except for emergency circumstances. Therefore, you will probably not hear from the camp or your camper during the session, and remember, “no news is good news!” If your camper suffers serious injury or illness, you will be promptly notified. This includes any issue requiring off-camp health services or an illness in which a fever lasts for more than 24 hours.

We know it can be hard to “let go,” not knowing what your child is doing during their stay. To give you a non-invasive “peek” in on them, parents and others are invited to check the camp website for daily updates during the camping session at www.avcamp.org. On our website, you can find pictures of campers in action with accompanying narration to fill you in on the day’s events. Please understand that these photos merely give you a snapshot of the day. We are unable to provide photos of every child considering we have about 350 people at camp on any given day.

Should an emergency requiring communication with your child arise, please call the Camp Office at 724-238-9565. If it is after hours, the voicemail system will offer you an emergency number to dial.

We encourage letter writing both to and from camp, with mail being delivered daily (except for

Sundays and national holidays). Sending a letter before your child leaves home is a good idea, as the mail will be waiting for your child on their first full day at camp. Ask questions about camp, but avoid telling your child how much you miss them or problems that may exist at home, as this may spark homesickness. Short declarations of love such as, “We’re so proud of you,” or “We love you,” or “See you real soon!” are just what your child will want to hear.

V-Mail (Village Emails)

Parents may purchase packages of five (5) emails for \$5.00 each, in order to email their child(ren) while at camp. Parents will be able to log-in via the Antiochian Village website to send Vmail to their child(ren). Campers will not be able to send responses via email. For more information, please see our website.

After Camp Resources

We have put together After Camp Resources for campers, parents/guardians, parish clergy, youth workers, and anybody in a camper’s life to help process the experience at camp. These resources include suggestions for how to talk with each other to best process and reflect upon the camp experience, and a summary of the Christian Education curriculum which the campers learn during Morning Program. Please visit avcamp.org/after-camp-resources/ for links to these resources.

Getting Your Camper to and from Camp

Driving Your Camper to Camp

On the first day of the session, campers being driven to the camp may be checked-in between 1PM and 5PM. If arriving earlier, parents/chaperones are welcome to join us for Liturgy at 10AM, with brunch following for \$5 per meal (this is not a regularly scheduled meal of the camping session). Arrivals at any other time must be approved in advance by the Camp Director. Chaperones are welcome to stay and visit the camp grounds until 5 PM.

Registration will take place in the Dining Hall. The process will include being introduced to your camper’s counselor, meeting the nurse to discuss any health issues and/or turning over all medications which will be dispensed from the Health Center, and collecting all cash to prevent loss during the session. Any funds not spent in the bookstore will be given back at the end of the session.

Driving Your Camper Home from Camp

For the **two-week** sessions, camp ends on **Friday** morning and all campers must be picked up between 8 AM and 11 AM. Please note that breakfast will be served from 8 AM – 8:45 AM, and you are welcome to pick them up during breakfast. Please pick up your child no later than 11 AM, as our staff must prepare for the next group of campers arriving. Please note that for any pick-ups falling after 11 AM, an extended supervision fee will be charged at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, per camper.

For the **one-week** session, camp ends on **Sunday** afternoon and all campers must be picked up between 2 PM and 4 PM. Parents or chaperones are welcome to join us for Liturgy on Sunday morning at 10 AM, with brunch following for \$5 per meal.

Lodging Accommodations for Drivers

The Antiochian Village Conference Center offers a special *Camper Parent Rate* for those travelling to the Village to drop-off or pick-up their campers. To make reservations for Conference Center lodging please call the Conference Center Front Desk at 724.238.3677 x400 or email your request to frontdesk1@antiochianvillage.org. A credit card number will be required to make your lodging reservation. **Please note that lodging at the Conference Center is based on availability.** You may ask to be placed on a waiting list should you find there is no availability when you wish to book your reservation. On Check-in Day, all drivers must leave the camp grounds by 5 PM, and no return visits will be permitted.

Driving Directions

The Village is actually located in Fairfield Township about 7 miles north of Ligonier on Route 711. If you are using an internet mapping website or a GPS device for directions, the camp address is 201 St. Ignatius Trail, Bolivar, PA, 15923 and the Conference Center address is 140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, PA, 15923.

From the Northeast

Head West on Rt. 80, exiting at Route 220 South (Exit 161). Head South on Route 220 for about an hour as the road alternates between four-lane expressway and two-way highway, passing State College and Altoona. Exit onto Route 22 West for about a half hour. Exit onto Route 56 (Armagh exit). Proceed East on Rt. 56 which will join with Route 711 South. Follow Route 711 South, turning right after crossing a bridge and continue for approximately 13 miles. Entrance to the Antiochian Village will be on the left-hand side, approximately 1 mile past Champion Lakes Golf Course and the Real McCoy Restaurant.

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike

Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76) to Exit 91 in Donegal. Follow the signs to Rt. 711 North. Proceed on Rt. 711 North for approximately 15 miles, and you will cross Rt. 30 and drive through "downtown" Ligonier. You will go around the Gazebo in the center of the town, and continue on Route 711 North. After approximately 4 miles, you will see a Sheetz Gas Station at a fork in the road. Bear left, staying on Route 711 North, and it is approximately 3 miles from that point. The entrance of the Antiochian Village will be on the right-hand side.

From Pittsburgh International Airport

Follow signs leaving airport towards Pittsburgh. Before passing through the Ft. Pitt Tunnel, get into your right-hand lane in order to exit immediately after the tunnel onto I-376 East towards Monroeville. Stay on this highway until you reach the Pennsylvania Turnpike exit. Head East on the Turnpike to Exit 91 (Donegal). Follow directions from the Pennsylvania Turnpike above.

Sending Campers by Plane, Train, or Bus

While we encourage families to drive their camper(s) to Antiochian Village in order to see the

camp and meet those who will be entrusted with the care of their child(ren), we realize that in some instances travel by plane, train, or bus might be necessary.

Antiochian Village provides round-trip ground transportation for campers arriving into the Pittsburgh (PIT), Latrobe (LBE), and Johnstown (JST) airports, or by bus or train to Johnstown for a \$10 fee each way. All travel information, including airline, flight number, arrival and departure times must be received in our office at least 1 month prior to arrival. If travel information is received after the 1 month deadline, we may not be able to guarantee ground transportation. If we are able to provide transportation, a \$25 late fee will be assessed each way (total of \$35 each way). Campers will be met at the gate by uniformed Village Staff members, as well as escorted to the gate at departure. In the event that there are any changes or emergencies that would affect the camper's pick-up or drop-off time or location, a staff member of the camp will call the parents/guardian to inform them of any necessary changes.

Authorized Arrival and Departure Times:

Pittsburgh Airport (PIT), Bus or Train Station

Arrival Day	(Sunday)	10am – 4pm
Departure Day - 2 wk. session	(Friday)	9am – 2pm
Departure Day - 1 wk. session	(Sunday)	2pm – 6pm

Latrobe Airport (LBE) – whenever flights are able to arrive / depart

Johnstown Train Station (JST)

Arrival Day	Train arrives	6:00 pm
Departure Day	Train departures	9:04 am

*Any deviation from these times must be requested in writing and approved by the Camp Director to guarantee that ground transportation will be provided. Please note that for arrival and/or departure times approved, an extended supervision fee will be charged, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, per camper. An Antiochian Village staff member or representative will stay with your child until his/her departure.

Safety Rules for Van or Bus Transportation

Staff members will review safety and evacuation procedures with the campers before departing. At least 2 staff members will accompany each van or bus. Campers will be asked to refrain from unsafe behavior to ensure that the driver is not distracted (being out of seats while van/bus is moving, hands out of window, etc.), remain buckled at all times in vans, and load/unload the van/bus in a safe and orderly manner.

Campers in Wheelchairs

The Antiochian Village vehicles do not have the capability of wheelchair transportation.

Camp Vehicles

Our camp has regularly maintained mini-vans, and 15 passenger vans to transport campers to the airport, train station, or bus station. Our camp vehicles are not equipped to transport individuals in wheelchairs.

Campers Driving to Camp

If a camper or counselor in training is driving to camp they must turn in their keys to the camp office upon arrival to Antiochian Village.

Antiochian Village Camper Policy for Online Social Networking and Blogging Websites

In general, the Antiochian Village views social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.), personal Web sites, and Weblogs positively and respects the right of campers to use them as a medium of self-expression. If a camper chooses to identify himself or herself as a camper at the Antiochian Village on such internet venues, some readers of such websites or blogs may view the camper as a representative or spokesperson of the Antiochian Village. In light of this possibility, the Antiochian Village requires, as a condition of participation in the camp, that campers observe the following guidelines when referring to the Antiochian Village, its programs or activities, its campers, and/or other staff, in a blog or on a website:

- 1) Campers must be respectful in all communications (text and photos) and blogs related to or referencing the camp, its employees, and other campers. Any photos or messages that are linked or “tagged” from “friends” and attached to your site(s) or profile(s) that are inappropriate should also be removed.
- 2) Campers must not use obscenities, profanity, or vulgar language.
- 3) Campers must not use blogs or personal websites to disparage the Antiochian Village, other campers, or staff of the Antiochian Village.
- 4) Campers must not use blogs or personal websites to harass, bully, or intimidate other campers or staff of the Antiochian Village. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, comments that are derogatory with respect to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, or disability; sexually suggestive, humiliating, or demeaning comments; and threats to stalk, haze, or physically injure another person.
- 5) Campers must not use these venues to discuss engaging in conduct prohibited by camp policies and an Orthodox Christian lifestyle, including, but not limited to, the use of alcohol and drugs, sexual behavior, sexual harassment, and bullying.

Any camper found to be in violation of any portion of this policy will be subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal at the discretion of the Camp Director.