

Hello Pioneer Camper and Parents,

Welcome to Pioneer Camp this summer. We are looking forward to having you be a part of a fun filled week of learning, sharing, and fellowship. Our theme for the week is "Linked by Love". We will be telling stories, making crafts, swimming, singing, and playing games together, as we join to celebrate God's goodness and grace.

Registration for Pioneer camp will begin at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 26th outside the office. Please bring with you your completed health forms (if not already sent in) and any outstanding balance. Log on to your account at www.dunkirkcc.com to make sure all your forms are filled out. The nurse will be available at registration to discuss special health concerns with parents. Please be sure that dates of shots are included on the completed health form along with insurance information. Swim tests will be given at 4:00 PM; ALL campers will need to take a swim test on Sunday and should plan to participate in this activity with their cabin-mates.

Registration space is still available, so invite more friends to come with you, however, as space does fill up it will be harder to honor cabin mate requests.

Camp closes at 10:00 AM on Saturday, Aug 1st. All campers should be picked up at this time. Parents are encouraged to attend our closing ceremony at 9:30am in the Activity Center. Please note: Campers will not be released until his/her cabin counselor has checked and approved the cleanliness of the cabin.

We are planning a very exciting week for our campers. Some special events that you can look forward to will include a sharing celebration, and an evening swim/pizza party. Please bring any musical instruments and talent ideas for our sharing celebration. Sometimes a special stuffed friend to stuff in a sleeping bag is a great comfort for nighttime. Pictures of family and friends also help adjust to the new experience of camp. A favorite book to read and board games to play are also welcome. The staff of Pioneers and the Dunkirk staff are looking forward to welcoming each of you on Sunday, July 26th at 2:00 PM. It's sure to be a great time for all!

Getting our week off to a good start is **very** important for all of us. An encouraging and supportive attitude from parents will help our campers to make a smooth transition from home to camp. It is a very good idea to write notes, cards, or letters to your child while he/she is away. Campers look forward to receiving mail while at camp.

Mail can be addressed as follows:

CAMPER'S NAME
PIONEER'S CAMP
DUNKIRK CONFERENCE CENTER
3602 EAST LAKE ROAD
DUNKIRK, NY 14048

It is very difficult for directors and counselors when children have been told to call home. Generally, the telephone will be **off-limits** to campers. **We ask that campers not have cell phones or internet access during our week at camp. The phones can be distracting to the members of our community and can easily be misplaced.** In case of an emergency, the directors will contact the designated parties. In addition, if a child must leave the campgrounds during the week for an activity at home, it is the parent's responsibility to see the director before leaving the grounds with the child.

We are looking forward to an exciting week with each of our campers. If you have any concerns or questions before camp time arrives, I hope that you will call me. We will see you on Sunday, July 26th at 2:00 PM at the registration area at camp by the office. Pickup for the kids is @ 9:30A.M. on Saturday morning on the 1st following our closing ceremony.

Sincerely yours,
Bob & Kathy Aures
Directors, Pioneer Camp
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