

WELCOME TO
Camden Military Academy's
Non-Military
2009 Summer Program

Parent Handbook

The enrollment and financial forms also enclosed must be completed and returned by June 15, 2009. Full payment for summer program must also be received by June 15, 2009.

Name_____

Laundry Number_____

Should you have additional questions after reviewing the enclosed information, please call us at 800-948-6291. We will be glad to answer any question you or your son may have. We look forward to seeing you at summer school!

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“The Camden Experience” gives a young man the opportunity to improve his academic performance and study skills. He can learn about the benefits of a boarding experience while developing personally and academically.

Registration for the 2009 Summer Program first session will be Sunday, June 21, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Registration for the second session is Sunday, July 12, from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please do not plan to arrive early, as many faculty members and administrative staff will not be available for in-processing until the start of registration. **All students must report at their assigned times.**

Please read the enclosed information carefully. There is a list of “things to bring” as well as an overview of the summer school policies and procedures. If, at any time, you have questions regarding this information, please contact us at 803-432-6001. LTC Pat Armstrong is the Summer School Director.

Rules and regulations are detailed in the booklet. Please remember that all rules and regulations apply to all students. Please make your plans for the summer with the summer school calendar in mind. We cannot and will not make exceptions to published summer school policy except in cases of extreme emergency. One of the benefits of a boarding experience is that all students live under the same rules and regulations. It is very important that this standard apply to all students. Academic time, either class or evening study, must never be compromised. This is the primary reason for any student’s attendance, and we want him to receive the maximum benefit from this experience.

Enrollment in summer school is for the entire session. Once a student has enrolled and entered, there is no refund should that student withdraw or be dismissed. The only exceptions are those funds deposited with the student bank.

Academics

The academic day is divided into two sessions - one before lunch and one after lunch. The evening study period extends the academic day and is mandatory. It is a two-and-one-half hour session supervised by a teaching member of the faculty. Five-day boarders may be picked up after class on Friday at 4:15 PM. They must return on Sunday evenings no later than 7:00 PM. Their attendance in class on Friday and in evening instruction on Sunday is a must as this time is needed to meet the requirements for academic credit. Students who depart early or return late miss significant academic time, a deficit which could result in their receiving no credit for summer school classes.

The grading scale for summer school is as follows:

A = 93-100 B+ = 90-92 B = 85-89 C = 80-84
C+ = 77-79 D = 70-76 F = 69 or below.

Student Bank

The student bank provides 7-day boarders with an allowance for the week. Money deposited with the student bank will be issued to students each week in the amount that the parents direct. Each student should receive at least \$10.00 per week, and no student will be allowed to receive more than \$25.00 per week. The bank is open for withdrawals one day per week.

Adventure Camp parents need to provide their son with spending money. The Student Bank does not pay Adventure Campers.

Free Time

Students have a few hours of free time each day and on weekends during which time they will have use of all campus recreational facilities. These include the gym, outdoor swimming pool, weight room, tennis courts, and athletic fields. The student activity center, the Carlisle House, is open during this time to provide snacks such as hamburgers, French fries, pizza, ice cream, and other food for student purchases. Also in the Carlisle House are pool tables and televisions sets.

Insurance of Personal Property

Parents should arrange for an extension of their personal property insurance to include fire and theft protection for all of their personal property such as radios, CD/tape players, video games, television sets, and computers, and other items of value. Camden Military Academy cannot accept responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of personal property.

Mail

All mail should be addressed to the student as follows:

[Full name of student and assigned company]
Camden Military Academy
Summer School
520 Highway 1 North
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Meals

The Academy provides three meals a day.

Laundry

The cost of laundry of one bag per week is included in the tuition for all 7-day boarders. Laundry service is not available to 5-day boarders or Adventure Campers.

Telephones

Contact numbers for staff and departments will be provided at registration

Pay telephones are available for student use. You may set up an 800 number, provide him with a prepaid card, or allow him to call home collect. During the day you may leave a message with his dorm supervisor if you need to contact him. Summer school personnel are always available to assist you should an emergency arise. We strongly urge parents not to provide their sons with telephone credit cards. The Academy assumes no responsibility for calls charged to any telephone credit card and will not serve as a collection agency for persons seeking to recover the cost of unauthorized usage.

Medical Information

A nurse is on call at all times, and the school physician is available as needed. The Kershaw County Medical Center is just minutes from the campus. The nurse will keep and dispense all medication in the infirmary; this includes prescription and non-prescription medication. Students are not authorized to keep any medicines, either prescribed or over the counter, in their possession.

At registration, please bring all medications with you to deliver to the nurse. Students/Campers are not allowed to have ANY medications in their room.

All students are required to have a physical prior to the beginning of school. The physical form must be completed and returned with the enrollment forms before the start of the summer program.

South Carolina law requires that all children be immunized before entering school. It also requires the school to maintain a record of all students' immunizations. South Carolina residents must also submit a South Carolina Immunization Certificate to the Academy prior to admission. Out-of-state students must submit an immunization history, complete with dates of immunization, signed by their physician.

It is **required** that your son have medical insurance in case your son becomes ill or is injured in an accident. Parents are responsible for payment of medical services beyond those provided by the school infirmary. *A credit card may be required for any off campus medical or dental services.* Each student is, however, covered by a supplemental accident policy. After the \$100 deductible, this policy covers amounts up to \$10,000 above the limits of your personal medical insurance coverage. In order to expedite and process any claims, please complete and return the form concerning your present medical insurance coverage. Please bring a copy of your son's medical insurance card with you to registration.

Rooming Assignments

All rooming assignments will be made by the summer school company advisor. Room changes will be allowed after students get to know each other. Students will, if at all possible, room with like-age/grade roommates.

Rules and Regulations

Students are expected at all times to conduct themselves in a manner befitting a gentleman. This means behaving in a calm and respectful manner towards classmates and adults. Students should take care of property whether it is theirs, the schools or other students. Students are encouraged to talk with their barracks supervisors about any concerns or difficulties they have.

The following list addresses specific issues:

No appliance of any type, except those listed here, may be brought to summer school. Students are allowed to bring an electric razor, desk lamp, radio/CD/tape player, television, personal computer, video game and system, and an alarm clock. Students should restrict their CD's to no more than 10. All items must be marked for identification to include the three digit laundry number shown on the cover of this packet. Students should not bring large component stereos, musical instruments, camcorders, or computer scanners. Abuse of radio or television privileges may result in these items being removed and secured until the end of summer school.

No student may keep or have available to him any type of vehicle in Kershaw County unless the student resides in Kershaw County. Student residents of Kershaw County may not bring cars on campus. Students may drive parents' cars only with permission of the parents when the parent is present in the car.

Any student who departs campus without permission is AWOL (absent without leave). Should your son be AWOL, we will notify you and work toward his safe return. Any student who is AWOL is subject to immediate dismissal.

Because of Camden's military school tradition and our belief that order instills personal discipline, each student must maintain his room in an acceptable fashion daily. The room must be neat and orderly: beds made, floors cleaned, clothes hung or stored, trash removed, and desk neat. Roommates share these responsibilities. Food must be kept in a sealed container.

Students may not possess any of the following:

- * Firearms, knives, or any other item that may be classified as a weapon
- * Fireworks
- * Pornographic or sexually explicit books, magazines, or tapes
- * Alcohol, drugs, or any substance which may cause intoxication or mood alteration
- * Aerosol products other than shaving cream
- * Paraphernalia associated with the use of tobacco or drug products such as matches, lighters, lighter fluid

Students may not drink, ingest, or inhale any of the above substances while enrolled at Camden Military Academy. This includes tobacco products, alcohol, and illegal drugs and other substances which are mind and mood altering. Students who engage in huffing (the inhalation of an aerosol product for the purpose of intoxication) will be dismissed, as will students with unauthorized aerosol products.

The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited. Violators risk the loss of free time and repeated violations could result in dismissal.

Students who are found to be under the influence of, or in possession of, a controlled substance will be dismissed. Parents give their permission for the Academy to conduct drug screens at its discretion. It is understood that if a student tests positive on such a screen, that students will be dismissed, regardless of where or when such drug use took place. We do not allow drug use at Camden Military Academy and we cannot enroll students who use drugs at any time. Parents should understand that the Academy will, at its discretion, conduct searches of rooms and belongings as well as have drug dogs visit the campus periodically. The Academy takes a very strong stand on the issue of drug use.

Tattooing and ear/body piercing by students is strictly prohibited. Students who engage in these activities as either the giver or the receiver will be dismissed. Students who have piercings prior to enrollment may not wear earrings or other body rings while enrolled at Camden Military Academy.

Students will respect the property rights of others. Any student found in the possession of another student's property without that student's permission will be sternly punished and is subject to dismissal. Possession of an article reported lost or belonging to another student may be treated as stealing.

Students are expected to dress neatly for class. While students may wear shorts to class, they should be neatly dressed; this means no cut-offs or baggy pants. Students may wear sport shirts or t-shirts to class but not tank tops or sleeveless shirts. Shirts with inappropriate messages or images may not be worn at any time on campus. Socks and shoes are required at all times in the classroom building, library, student center (Carlisle House), and dining hall. Sandals and flip-flops are not acceptable footwear in these locations.

Fighting or striking another student will not be tolerated. Students who engage in fighting risk dismissal. Physical attacks against others could lead to immediate dismissal and other consequences.

The Academy does not engage in corporal punishment. Punitive tasks, such as policing the grounds, are assigned to students who will not obey the rules. Every effort is made to ensure that all punishments are fair and consistent.

Upon the recommendation of the Summer School Director and the approval of the Headmaster, a student may be dismissed for a single act of grave misconduct, continued violation of regulations, or conduct generally detrimental to the living or learning environment of other students.

We ask for your support in counseling your son to be on his best behavior.

Enrichment Camp Information

Adventure Camp at Camden will provide young men in grades 6-8 many opportunities for adventure, leadership development, and academic success. Following lunch at 12:00 PM, campers will begin camp activities beginning at 1:00 PM and ending at 5:00 PM. Supper will be served at 6:30 PM, followed by evening instruction. Lights out is at 10:00 PM.

The following is an example of the daily camp schedule:

First Session

Orientation/Cookout
Monday – Marksmanship
Tuesday – Swim Test
Wednesday– Intro to Rock Wall Climbing
Thursday – Camping Skills
Friday– Camden Revolutionary Park Trip
Weekend – **Myrtle Beach Trip and Pool Party**
(for 7 day boarders)
Monday – Drill and Ceremonies
Tuesday– Intro to SCUBA
Wednesday– Weightlifting
Thursday- Land Navigation
Friday – Congaree Swamp Trip
Weekend - **Carowinds trip/Pool Party**
(for 7 day boarders)
Monday – Basic Life Saving Skills
Tuesday– Bowling
Wednesday – Camping Trip
Thursday – Camping Trip
Friday – PT Test/Awards Ceremony
Weekend- **Charleston, SC/ Pool Party**
(for all 7 day boarders)

Second Session

Registration
(2-3 PM)
Monday– Fort Jackson Trip
Tuesday– Swim Test/Water Polo
Wednesday- Tennis
Thursday– First Aid
Friday – Horse Farm Trip
Weekend – **Rafting Trip**
(for 7 day boarders)
Monday – Paintball Trip
Tuesday– Lake Wateree Trip
Wednesday- Weightlifting
Thursday – Camping Skills
Friday – Bridler State Forest Trip
Weekend – **Paintball Trip/Fun Park**
(for 7 day boarders)
Monday – Marksmanship
Tuesday– Intro to Aviation
Wednesday– Camping Trip
Thursday – Camping Trip
Friday – PT Test/Awards Ceremony

*time, date, and/or activities subject to change without notice

Items to Bring

Each student should bring the following items. All items are to be marked with the student's laundry number found on the cover of this packet. These are minimum requirements only. *Please mark all clothing and linen items with the student's laundry number.*

- casual shirts(6)
- long pants or jeans (1)
- dress shorts for classwear (6)
- socks (6 athletic white recommended)
- swim trunks (1)
- casual shoes (2)
- towels (6)
- school supplies-pens, pencils, paper, notebooks
- wash cloths (6)
- twin bed sheets (2)
- pillow cases (2)
- pillow (1)
- underwear (8)
- Bible
- shower shoes (1 pr)
- laundry bags (2)
- rain gear / umbrella
- footlocker 30x16x12 (1)
- extension cord
- calculator
- surge suppressor, if needed
- wire coat hangers
- blanket/sleeping bag
- two combination locks
- small radio/CD player if desired
- small television if desired
- video game system if desired