Vanderkamp Center

Let's Get Acquainted Form

Name _____ **I prefer to be called (nickname)** _____

City where I live _____

Age while at camp ____ **Grade I just finished** ____ **My favorite school subject** _____

I live with my: ❒ Mother ❒ Father ❒ Sister(s) ❒ Brother(s) ❒ Grandmother/Grandfather

❒ Other (including pets) _____

This is my FIRST time at camp. _____ **OR** **I've been to camp** _____ **times at Vanderkamp.**

The real reason(s) I signed up for camp is/are: _____

Some activities I would like to do at camp are (please circle all that apply)**:**

sing	row a boat	canoe	play games	chapel	campfires
Bible study	hiking	go fishing	swim	pray	try new things
crafts	act/perform	sports	worship	archery	learn about nature
read	camp-out	draw	star gaze	hang out	make friends
relax	dance	art	have fun	Ga Ga	talk with my counselor

Three things I'm most looking forward to at camp are: _____

_____

Two things I do best are: _____

I make friends: ❒ very easily. ❒ pretty easily. ❒ it's hard for me to make friends.

What are two things you like to do with your friends? _____

Are you coming to camp with friends? ❒ **Yes** **If yes, how many?** _____ ❒ **No**

These friends are from ❒ Camp ❒ School ❒ Church

Do you want to make new friends? ❒ Yes ❒ No Why or Why Not? _____

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Don't stop now -- we want to know more! Please continue on the other side →

I go to church: ❒ almost always. ❒ sometimes. ❒ rarely/never.

My church's name is: _____

One thing I like about church is: _____

Something I wish was different at church is: _____

One question I'd like to ask God is: _____

One word that describes Jesus to me is: _____

One thing I wonder about the most is: _____

Two things I am most afraid of or worried about are: _____

This is how I would describe my swimming ability:

___ I don't know how to swim, and I don't like the water.

___ I don't really swim, but I like the water.

___ I am a swimmer, but still learning.

___ I am a strong swimmer, know strokes, and dive.

If you've been to Vanderkamp before, what was your swimming level? ❒ Red ❒ Yellow ❒ Green

Tell us 3 ways your counselor could be the best:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Other things I'd like my counselor to know are: _____

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At Vanderkamp, we expect each camper to treat fellow campers, staff members, and facilities with care and respect. I understand that I play an important part in the community we create at Vanderkamp. I will do my best to treat everyone in the camp community with respect and courtesy, and to help my fellow campers. If I am having trouble with this or with the way others are treating me or someone else, I will talk to my counselor or the camp director immediately. I am coming to camp to have fun!

I am aware that possession of weapons, alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes, or participating in inappropriate behavior may result in dismissal from Vanderkamp. I have talked with my parent/guardian about items not allowed at camp (including but not limited to cell phones, iPods/MP3s, hand-held video games, etc.) and I agree not to bring them to camp.

_____ Your Signature -- Camper

_____ Date

Thank you for sharing this information with us! See you soon!
Please mail this form at least 3 weeks before you come to camp to:

Vanderkamp Center, 337 Martin Road, Cleveland, NY 13042

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Parent-Counselor Information Form

To help us work most effectively with your child at camp, we ask you to answer the following questions as honestly as possible. This information will be shared only with those people who will work closely with your child, and will enhance our ability to work effectively with your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Camper's name _____ **Nickname** _____

Name of person completing form & relationship to camper _____

The following words describe my child's typical group behavior (please circle as many as apply):

brave	frightened	helpful	respectful	honest	shy
happy	thoughtful	gentle	energetic	friendly	open
scared	retiring	timid	optimistic	excited	kind
leader	outgoing	follower	attentive	reserved	needy

How easily does your child make friends?

___ Easily ___ Fairly easily ___ With difficulty

How does your child react when staying overnight away from parents, siblings, or other relatives?

___ Has fun, adjusts easily ___ Homesick ___ Scared ___ Fine during the day, upset at night

How does your child feel about attending camp?

___ Confident ___ Excited ___ Nervous ___ Apprehensive

What is your child most looking forward to at camp? _____

I am sending my child to camp for the following reasons: _____

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How would you describe your child's normal sleep habits?

___ Sleeps soundly ___ Sleeps restlessly ___ Sleepwalker ___ Prone to bedwetting

How do you handle sleepwalking/bedwetting? _____

_____

There's more….please continue on the back side.

Please tell us about your child's swimming/boating experience:

___ My child is afraid of the water.

___ My child enjoys water play, but does not swim.

___ My child has had swim lessons, and is confident in the water.

___ My child knows many different strokes and can dive.

___ My child has had boating experience (canoe/rowboat).

___ My child has never been in a boat (canoe/rowboat).

Please add any other information we should know about your child. Include information about family situations, special needs, bedwetting, emotional strains, physical or learning limitations, ADD/ADHD, and other topics that will help us understand your child better.

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My child and I understand that by attending camp s/he will be participating in a group experience, and that to provide the best possible experience for all, s/he must abide by camp rules and policies. Vanderkamp reserves the right to send campers home at the parent's/guardian's expense and without refund for inappropriate behavior or behavior that jeopardizes the safety/security of others.

I have spoken with my child regarding items that are to be left at home (including, but not limited to cell phones, pagers, CD/MP3/tape players, radios, video games, jewelry, food/candy, hair dryers & curling irons, aerosol cans, weapons, valuables, illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, expensive clothing), agree to not send them with my child, and understand that any of these items that are brought to camp may be kept in the office until the end of my child's program.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

After completing this form, please work with your child to fill out his/her "Let's Get Acquainted" Form, and then mail them both to:

Vanderkamp Center
337 Martin Road
Cleveland, NY 13042

Completed forms should be returned at least 3 weeks before the start of your child's program. Thank you!