

TradMaD Camp

Life at Pinewoods Camp

The noises of modern life are replaced by the sounds of music, dancers, singers, and the laughter from the waterfront and other gatherings. Cars are tucked away, and for a week, transportation around camp is by foot. There are no newspapers or radios and the outside world fades away. You are at camp!

If you've never been to camp before, here's some useful information to make your stay more comfortable. Camp facilities and all activities are in close contact with the outdoors, but we do provide some modern amenities.

Mail, Phones, Computers, and WIFI

Although your plate will be full of activities while at camp, for those of you who must keep in contact with work or home, there is first class mail and UPS service and a touch-tone pay phone for camper use. You will need a calling card to make long distance calls. We do ask that laptops and cell phones be kept out of the awareness of other campers. Even if you can't, others want to enjoy this time away from the reminders of work-a-day living. There is a WIFI setup under a tent covering next to the greeting shed at the camp entrance should you need to connect.

Getting to Camp

Do check the Pinewoods Camp website, www.pinewoods.org/camper-info/directions/, for directions, as GPS systems can be misleading! Let us know if you can offer a ride to camp. It's very helpful, since parking space is limited. We will help coordinate transportation to and from airports to camp.

You may arrive on Saturday any time after 3:00 pm. You will be greeted at the main entrance, given a packet of information about the week, and offered help getting you to your cabin. However, if you expect to arrive after 6:00 pm, please let us know in advance so we can have your information packet set aside. The main greeting station closes at 6:00 pm, but signs will tell you where to go.

The program begins with swimming (time and weather permitting) a meet and greet in the Camphouse, and an informal tour of camp before dinner. An orientation meeting and dance will take place after dinner, served from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

NOTE: Departure time is by 10:00 am on Friday.

Housing and Camp Environment

For housing information, please see the [Pinewoods Housing page](#). Most housing is 2-3 people to a room or cabin. There are a limited number of single rooms. Please note that Pinecones has been designated a late night music venue and there will be workshops all day in the downstairs space, so if you do not want to be near late-night music, please do not request Pinecones. There is some housing with indoor plumbing, but most have bathrooms/showers a short distance from cabins. We will make every effort, but cannot guarantee specific housing requests. For some photos and additional information on some of the camp areas, go to the [Pinewoods Facilities & Camp Life page](#).

Food

All meals, from dinner on the first evening to breakfast on the last morning, are served in the Dining Hall. Some accommodation can be made for people with food allergies if the camp has advance warning. Specific information on special diets will be sent with acceptance packets. You will have a chance to indicate your choice of a meat or vegetarian menu during registration.

Packing Suggestions (A specific packing list will be sent with acceptance information.)

The Basics: Bring a flashlight to find your way around at night. A battery powered or wind-up alarm clock and a fan may come in handy. You will need to bring your own towels, bed linens, and blankets or a sleeping bag. Extra blankets and sheets can be rented at camp. Bring insect repellent if the bugs love you. If you are on a special diet, you might want to bring your own particular food. There are refrigerators set aside for campers

where you can keep a limited supply. Some people like to bring an ice chest for drinks and snacks to share at after-dance parties.

Clothes and Shoes: Remember to pack a swimsuit (or two!), towels, raincoat, and a sweater. Bring plenty of dance clothes, especially socks and t-shirts; there are no washing machines or dryers at camp. Bring festive apparel; some people like to dress up in the evenings or for special parties. Shoes must be worn on all the dance floors. (We suggest flat or low heel shoes.) Some people prefer leather or composition soles for country, athletic shoes for Morris, hard soles for sword or some clogging and wooden soled shoes for English clogging. TIP: Break in new dance shoes before you arrive and bring different, sturdier shoes for wearing on the camp paths. With all these different shoes, you might find it helpful to bring a bag or backpack to carry around with you during the day as you walk from class to class.

Once you are at Camp

Silent Auction: To raise money in support of the scholarship fund. You can donate items or services, such as a foot massage or a paddle on the pond while being serenaded by chorus of singers on the dock. Be creative!

Take and Make: Again, to raise money for the scholarship fund. Pick an item, put money in the box, and it's yours. No waiting for the Silent Auction to end.

Bookstore: The bookstore carries books and recordings, etc. of our program staff and campers. Bring yours! Staff is given first priority.

Camp store: The store sells snacks, drinks, ice-cream, ice, flashlights, batteries, and other useful items.

Stores in the outside world: The nearest stores are a 15 to 30-minute drive away.

Guests and pets may not be brought to camp.

Jobs

In the cooperative spirit of camp life, all campers have a daily job to help camp run smoothly. Jobs are usually a half hour or less per day, every day, and the same job all week. Jobs are assigned in the month before camp starts; you have the opportunity make specific requests about your job assignment either on the Registration Form or later with your Registration Status Form.

We can't guarantee that all specific job requests will be filled, but please let us know if you have a preference or limitation (e.g., dust allergy, unable to lift heavy objects, can't stay up late, can't get up early for breakfast).

General job categories are:

- Dining room: breakfast, lunch or dinner (set/clear tables)
- Kitchen (serve food, clear, wash dishes, make coffee/tea)
- Sweeping (pavilions, community areas)
- Party help (late night party setup/cleanup)
- Clerical (office, bookstore, auction)
- Greeters (must know the camp and be able to arrive by 2:00 pm on Saturday)
- Gopher (camp store, auction, lifting)

Please let us know if you are happy with an early morning job. It's always nice to see a smiling face serving up the eggs or pancakes at breakfast!

Additional info

For additional camper info, go to the [Pinewoods Camper Info page](#).

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