Greetings from Camp Hermosa! We're pleased to confirm receipt of your registration, and we're excited that you'll be joining us for some summer fun! If you need to make any changes to your registration, you can log back in to your account at any time.

What should I know before I come to Camp Hermosa?

You are loved! You matter! You belong here!

What should I pack?

- Clothes for warm and cold, wet and dry weather
- Sunscreen, insect repellant, water bottle, and hat
- Swimwear and towel
- Sleeping bag, pillow, and PJs
- Toiletries
- Beach blanket and/or camp chair for sitting outside
- Running shoes
- Water-safe sandals for shower, beach, and mud trek
- One 'nice' outfit (optional – traditionally dinner on Friday night is a 'banquet and some campers enjoy getting a little bit dressed up)

Can I bring my phone / laptop / other device?

In order to ensure camper privacy and safety, to encourage participation in programming, and to provide the best camp experience, **cell phones or other devices are not permitted during camp except in specific circumstances:**

- Campers at **Junior and Inter Camps** are not permitted to have cell phones or other devices at any time during camp. If a parent or guardian confirms that a camper needs to use their device for a specific and extraordinary purpose during the week, the camper may sign a damage waiver, leave their device with the camp manager, and arrange a time to use it in the camp office.
- Campers at **Junior High and Senior High Camps** are strongly encouraged to leave cell phones and other devices at home. If a parent or guardian consents, campers may sign a damage waiver and leave their device with the camp manager. These phones will be distributed for use outside of cabins during the rest period each day and for the banquet on the last day of camp. Devices are not permitted at any other time. Under no circumstances are devices permitted in cabins or in bathrooms. If a guardian confirms that a camper needs to use their device for a specific and extraordinary purpose during the week, they may arrange a time for the camper to do so in the camp office.
- Campers at **Family and Alumni Camps** are strongly encouraged to leave cell phones and other devices at home. Devices should not be used during programming. Under no circumstances are devices permitted in other people's cabins or in bathrooms.

We will provide offline cameras that campers can use to take photos at their cabin leader's discretion. At the end of the week, these photos will be reviewed by the camp administrator for appropriateness and then distributed by email at the end of the week to each camper's guardian. If guardians need to contact a camper, they may do so by calling the camp office.

This policy is to ensure that Camp Hermosa is a safe place for everyone by keeping cameras out of spaces where campers are changing, by preventing online cliques and bullying, by limiting campers' ability to coordinate sneaking out after curfew, and by removing distractions from programming. We feel that this policy is a compromise between the best practices at most camps, where cell phones are completely prohibited, and with the reality that many teens have legitimate need to access their cell phones for at least a short time each day.

Camp Hermosa reserves the right to to dismiss any camper who is in violation of these guidelines.

When should I get dropped off and picked up?

- Drop off time for week-long camps is **Sunday at 3:00 PM**. Please don't arrive early. We won't be ready for you yet!
- When you arrive, you'll go through the registration check-in process, which includes ensuring all forms and payment are complete, discussing your needs with our camper support staff, dropping off any medication, and being checked for lice. You'll also be asked to provide the name of the person who will be picking you up at the end of the week.
- Please note that all **medications must be in their original containers**, **clearly labelled with dosage information, and with the name of the recipient.** Medications will only be dispensed as indicated on the label to the person named on the label.
- Campers who are found to have head lice upon arrival at camp will not be allowed to remain unless and until they have been treated and are found to have no evidence of lice or nits.
- Camp ends on **Saturday at 11:30 AM**. Refreshments and camp merch will be available to purchase in the camp store for those arriving to pick up campers. You will have an opportunity to speak with your child's cabin leader and program directors if you would like. Campers are expected to depart by 12:00 PM.
- Please help us ensure the safety of our campers, staff, and neighbours by adhering to the posted speed limit on Glendale Road on your arrival to and departure from camp.
- **Times vary for Weekend Retreats.** Drop off time is usually 7:00 PM on Friday and pick up time is 2:00 PM on Sunday, but long weekend retreats will pick up at 2:00 PM on Mondays. Be sure to check.

What kinds of things will we be doing?

The schedule changes a little from week to week, but every camp will have similar activities. Each day there will be input time, with singing and learning; Electives, like swimming, crafts, BMX riding, axe throwing, or hiking; rest time, with tuck; special activities, like campfires, or field

games, or a movie night, a trip to the beach, or a muck trek (so bring some clothes that can get dirty); and vespers, with songs and skits out at Vesper Point as the sun sets. It'll be a laid back weekend where you can meet people, enjoy nature, and have some fun.

Who will be in my cabin?

Everyone belongs at Camp Hermosa, so there will be people from lots of different places and backgrounds in your cabin. It'll be a chance to meet some great new friends. If there are friends whose cabin you'd like to be in, just email us and will try to accommodate.

Who will my cabin leaders be?

Our leaders come from all over, but most of them have connections that go back a long way with Hermosa. They're part of the Hermosa family, just like you are now. They've all gone through an application process, complete with reference checks and Vulnerable Sector Checks, to help ensure that they're the kind of people who will help you have a safe and fun time at camp. If there's a leader whose cabin you'd really like to be in, just email us and will try to accommodate.

What if I have allergies, medications, or need accommodations?

No problem. Everyone belongs at Camp Hermosa. Have your guardian email us about all that kind of thing. We'll work with them to make sure that your time with us goes as smoothly as possible and let them know what to bring up for you. We do our best to keep the camp property free of nuts, so please don't bring any with you, but we can't guarantee a 100% allergen-free environment.

Are there things in the woods that I should worry about?

Well, there aren’t any wolves or bears or anything like that, but there are some risks you should be aware of. There are hornets and bees around, so make sure you have your epi-pen if you’re allergic. There’s poison ivy in some places, so be sure to stick with the staff and volunteers when you’re hiking. We’re not a high tick zone, but they are a possibility, so be sure to dress appropriately when hiking and check yourself when you get back.

‘What if I don’t identify as a Christian?

No problem. Everyone belongs at Camp Hermosa.

What if I identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ ?

No problem. Everyone belongs at Camp Hermosa. We have gender neutral bathrooms with showers and curtained changing areas in the cabins for privacy. If you're a Senior High camper who would prefer to be in a non-binary cabin, have your guardian email us, and we'll try to accommodate that.

What about drugs and alcohol?

Camp Hermosa is a tobacco / vape / cannabis / alcohol free camp. If minors are found with these substances, they will be required to turn them over to the Camp Manager and their guardians will be contacted. No illegal substances are permitted on the property at any time.

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I have more questions!

If your concern hasn't been answered, please feel free to reach out at manager@camphermosa.org. We can't wait to see you – you belong at Camp Hermosa!

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WAIVERS and CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT Camp Hermosa Inc. reserves the right to dismiss a camper, who, in the opinion of management, has become a hazard to the safety and rights of others or who appears to have rejected the reasonable medical/emotional/behavioural conditions on the registration form.

For the safety of campers, conditions of custody, if applicable, will be fully communicated, in writing, to the camp, including a photocopy of any court order referring to visitation rights. These documents will be presented to the Resource Worker or Camp Manager upon registration at camp.

Camp Hermosa Inc., its directors, corporation members, staff and agents are not responsible for any loss, personal injury, accident, misfortune or damage to campers or their property with the understanding that reasonable precautions shall be taken to ensure the health and safety of all campers while under our supervision.