

## **New Camper Information**

As a new camper to St. Timothy's at Oswegatchie Educational Center, we know that you may be slightly nervous about heading into an unfamiliar environment. We have put this page together so that you will know that to expect for your week of camp.

Summer camp starts with registration at 2:30 pm on Monday. This day is very important because we get everyone organized. This day includes swim tests, signing up for activities, and getting into a campsite group.

When you arrive at camp, you will register at the main lodge. You will want quick access to your medications, outstanding payments, money to put in the store account, and your swimsuit and towel.

Your medications will be kept by the camp medical director at the first aid cabin. The medical director will make sure you take your medication throughout the week.

We require all campers who wish to participate in water activities to take the swim test. We need to test you to make sure that you will be safe in the deep water for swimming and boating. Our test includes treading water for 5 minutes and swimming two laps across our swimming area. It is not a race and you can take as much time as you need. When you take your test, it will be with about four other campers. The best tips for success on the swim test are to stay relaxed, take your time, and do not give up. If you pass your swim test you can sign up for activities like canoeing, kayaking, waterskiing, tubing, and you will be able to swim in the deep end of the swimming area. If you do not pass the test or choose not to take it, you will still be able to fill your schedule with exciting land activities.

After dinner on Monday, each campsite takes a camp tour. This will help you find your way around the main camp area and allow you to understand the rules of each area.