

Dear Fernwood Staff Member of 2009:

We are very happy that you will be with us at Fernwood this summer and look forward to an enjoyable, rewarding camp season together. Spring is arriving and the snow is melting and we are busy getting camp ready for your arrival, and the arrival of the campers.

We hope this mailing will answer a lot of pre-camp questions. Please read carefully the following information in this packet. We have given you suggestions on travel information, packing lists and more. If you misplace this packet, you can find the information on our website, www.campfernwood.com, under the staff mailings section in Staff. We will be in the Philadelphia office at 610-356-7602 until May 31st and in the camp office 207-998-4346 from June 1st onwards. If you need to contact Ellyn directly you can reach her at 585-271-1938. You can also reach us via email ellyn@campfernwood.com.

Our official pre-camp orientation for all staff begins at 6pm on Friday June 19th, 2009. The campers will arrive on Thursday June 25th. These six days of pre-camp enable us to get to know each other, set up camp facilities, go over camp rules and policies, and discuss problems and techniques that will come up in living and working with children. We will also be planning events that will add to the fun of camp life, like evening programs and rainy day alternatives.

During pre-camp, most staff members live as a group in the cabins, to make it easier for the whole staff to get to know each other. Final choices for "bunks" and roommates will be made before the campers arrive, giving you time to settle into your summer home.

We look to you as experts in your given activity areas, and will work with you on effective teaching skills. You are important in developing our campers' skills and enhancing their self-esteem. We encourage you to bring any ideas and reference materials that contribute to the creativity and enjoyment of your activities. You will have time during pre-camp training to work in activity groups, to plan for teaching, and to check your supplies and get everything ready, so we can get off to a running start. It will also be a time of drawing together as a team so that we may open the summer's activities in the spirit of cooperation and caring that will lead to a happy and productive summer for all.

We look forward to greeting you at the Fernwood gate very soon!

Best regards,

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