

Summer Staff



What To Bring

- ◆ The summer climate at RVR is usually hot during the day (upper 80's to low 90's) and can be quite cool at night (mid 50's). Keep this in mind when deciding what to bring for bedding and clothing.
- ◆ For your bedding you'll need a pillow and either a sleeping bag or sheets and a blanket. The cabins will only have bunks and mattresses so you'll need to bring the rest. And don't forget towels for both the shower and the pool and also washcloths.
- ◆ In regards to clothing, you'll need to bring plenty of modest outfits since some days you will be changing multiple times. You'll want several pairs of shorts and jeans and a stockpile of shirts; mostly t-shirts since it's camp. Bring play shoes, hiking shoes, and shower/pool shoes. You'll also want old clothes and shoes for river hikes and mud fights! For the pool you'll need a modest, one piece suit, and a backup suit wouldn't hurt for days you're at the pool twice. You may want to pack a few nicer outfits for evening services and Sunday church, but it's not a requirement and most folks dress casual.
- ◆ You're on your own for personal hygiene products, so think through everything you'll need and make sure to bring it with you. In addition to your usual stuff you might want to add sunscreen and bug spray since you'll be outside most of the time, and laundry detergent and dryer sheets since you'll be doing your own laundry. For anything you forget to pack, you can run in to town and grab on your day off.

CHECKLIST:

- ___ Bible
- ___ Note pad
- ___ Pens/Pencils

- ___ Pillow
- ___ Sleeping Bag *or* Sheets & Blanket
- ___ Towels (*shower & pool*)
- ___ Washcloths
- ___ Clothes (*see above*)
- ___ Modest One Piece Swimsuit
- ___ Shoes (*see above*)

- ___ Personal Hygiene Products
- ___ Laundry Detergent & Dryer Sheets

SUGGESTED:

- ___ Instruments (*cajon, ukulele, saxophone*)
- ___ Vitamins
- ___ Costumes (*themed events and skit night*)
- ___ Backup Phone Charger
- ___ Day Off Stuff (*hammock, kite, O's apparel*)
- ___ Camera
- ___ Job Specific Extras (*whistle, knife, P-cord*)
- ___ Sunglasses

Social Guidelines

- ◆ RVR requires members of its summer staff to abstain from gambling, alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products during the time of your employment, both on and off camp property
- ◆ We know how important technology is to everyone, but we ask that cell phones, tablets, and laptops not be used during the week. These items can be more distracting than helpful at camp, and part of what makes this environment so unique is the “get away from it all” atmosphere. In addition to interfering with friendships and activities, they can hinder your personal and spiritual growth. So we expect you to wait until your day off on Saturday to use your devices.
- ◆ Dating is discouraged during the summer at the Ranch. We understand that attractions will happen when quality guys and girls who love the Lord are working together for several weeks, but our experience has shown us that summer romances usually take away from the original purpose of why we are here: TO SERVE GOD AND LOVE KIDS.
- ◆ Please remember that while you are here you are representing Jesus Christ and the ministry of RVR. Whether on our property, out in the community, or online with your social media, we expect our staff to act in ways that are consistent with the life and teaching of Christ in regards to your relationships, entertainment, activities, etc. We encourage you to see how close you can get to Jesus this summer, not how much you can “get away with.” Staff members will be given as much freedom as they earn, while those who continue to push limits and test boundaries will be reprimanded, restricted and eventually dismissed.

Receiving Mail

If you would like mail sent to you during your time at camp, please have it sent to this address with attention to your name and specific location within the ranch, for example:

*Dallas Maines -TNT Program
River Valley Ranch
4443 Grave Run Rd.
Manchester, MD 21102*

*Jackson Smith - Fort Roller Adventure Camp
River Valley Ranch
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Manchester, MD 21102*

***NOTE* - Please discontinue any of your mail forwarding to RVR at the end of summer camp.**

In Closing

We are so excited to see what God is going to do in us and through us here this summer. Please be in prayer for the many young people who will be coming to RVR who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray also for those who will grow deeper in their love and commitment to him because of their time here. Thank you for partnering with RVR and serving the Lord in camp ministry. It’s gonna be great! If you have any questions please contact:

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