



THE PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER
732 Turners Creek Road
Callaway, Virginia 24067

Summer 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian and Phoebe Needles Camper,

This letter is to inform you of the objectives of Summer Camp @ Phoebe Needles:

- To serve youth by providing them with a communal, outdoor residential camp experience where they can learn to live in community, take risks (physically, emotionally, and spiritually) in a safe environment, reflect on their life, and enhance their self-image and esteem.
- To help the campers to make connections between life at camp and life at home, school, and in their community.
- To create an environment where campers can see the value in other people regardless of their differences.
- To build positive relationships between the campers and college-age counselors.
- To teach campers positive problem-solving skills that can be translated into overcoming obstacles in their life beyond camp.
- To give campers the skills to work as a team.
- To give the campers a place where they feel respected, valued, and loved.
- To encourage and enable the campers to articulate their faith in relation to God.

Youth attending summer camp at the Phoebe Needles Center will be exposed to a variety of activities and experiences that provide a context for them to gain the knowledge, skills and values listed above. In addition to this, we would also like to inform you of the situations in which parents or guardians of campers will be contacted during their camper's stay at the Phoebe Needles Center. It is important to remember that all decisions to contact parents or guardians are made by the Executive Director. The Executive Director (or other staff member specifically designated) will notify parents or guardians by phone of an illness or injury to their camper in the following situations:

- Camper contracts a contagious disease.
- Camper is home sick and requests to go home or talk with parents.
- Camper requires treatment from the local Emergency Medical Service.
- Camper is taken to the emergency room.
- Camper is hospitalized.

If you have any questions about Summer Camp @ Phoebe Needles, please do not hesitate to give us a call at (540) 483-1518 or e-mail us at PNCenter@gmail.com.

FIRST YEAR AND OUTDOOR EXPEDITION CAMPS -- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PICK UP TIME IS FRIDAY BETWEEN 4:00pm and 5:00pm.

Pick-up for all other camp sessions is Saturday at 11:00am.

Sincerely,

John H. Heck
Executive Director