

# **PA Camp 2024**

We are excited to see you at P.A. 2023!

Plan to arrive at the Fontainebleau State Park Group Camp near the Cabins on the lake between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM on the first day of PA Camp. There will be a parent meeting at 3:00 PM on the final day for campers for ALL camps this year. Please notify the park at the gate that you are dropping off and picking up your youth for PA Camp to avoid park entry fees. **Please observe the speed limit signs in the park as it is STRICTLY enforced by park staff.** 

Whether this is your first year at P.A. or if you have been before, you can plan on having an incredible time. We are putting together a great experience that will have a balance of workshops, presentations, small group activities, discussions, fun activities, and a few surprises. Each camper will receive an official PA Camp 2024 T-shirt the last night of camp and we will have additional Action merchandise available to purchase.

Action Youth and Community Resources is excited to be hosting P.A. this year at the Group Camp in Fontainebleau State Park, which is located 62883 Hwy.1089, Mandeville, LA 70448. As this is a group facility, campers will be sleeping in rows of bunk beds in a large room with other campers of the same sex. All meals are included in camp fees.

Historically, there have been very few theft problems with items at P.A. However, the rooms aren't locked, and we highly discourage you from bringing valuables such as electronic equipment. Students <u>may not</u> bring laptops, TV's, gaming devices, or anything of the sort. Please see our updated cell phone policy on the following page.

You <u>are required to be at the camp for the entire duration</u>. If you have any conflicts during the week, please plan now, as you won't be allowed to return if you leave. There will be <u>no exceptions</u> to this rule. Each camper is assigned to a small group, and when they leave and come back for anything other than emergencies, it has a significant impact on their own experience in addition to the experience of the other campers in their small group.

A medical form is attached to this packet along with PA Camp Details. Please read these carefully and bring your completed medical form to check in on the first day of camp.

We hope you are excited about P.A. and we look forward to seeing you this summer. If you have any questions, call Jeff Polito or Missy Segreti on the Action phone line at (985) 205-1347.

Sincerely,

Jeff Polito Action Executive Director PA Camp Director



### P.A. Details

Arrival Time on Day One: 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM (Bring your completed Medical Release Form)

**Parent Meeting on Final Day of Camp:** 3:00 PM

Parents are invited to attend a meeting on the last day to find out more about what happened at the camp, learn more about Action and its efforts, and join the participants to watch the closing slide show.

### P.A. participants should plan on bringing the following items:

- 1. Your own pillow, sheets, blankets for a twin-size bed
- 2. Beach Towel and Swimsuit
- 3. Money for a visit from the ice cream / snowball truck
- 4. Toiletries, including towels and shower shoes
- 5. Comfortable, Appropriate clothes:

No short shorts/skirts, halters, spaghetti strap, strapless, or one-strap shirts

### For the Junior High and High School camps only:

- 6. The following items are important and will be used for an activity:
  - A Significant Item (object of your choice: picture, stuffed animal, charm, etc.)
  - A Significant Song: (Will be played from Intern or Staff member's cell phone)
- 7. A notebook or journal and a pen

#### **Updated Cell Phone Policy (2024)**

Although cell phones are not prohibited at PA Camp, we strongly encourage you to consider, as the parent/guardian, sending your child to camp without their cell phone. For forty-one years, PA Camp has served the youth and community of St. Tammany Parish by offering a retreat style environment and the use of cell phones prevents our youth from disconnecting from the outside world to embrace the leadership skills they are learning at camp. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to focus on their interpersonal communication skills, which is an important topic discussed at PA Camp each year. It is important for us to remind you that if you chose to send your child to camp without a cell phone and there is an emergency, you can reach us at camp by calling the Action phone number (985)205-1347 and Staff members have your contact information easily accessible if needed. Campers who arrive at PA Camp with a cell phone will be required to leave their phones in their bunk throughout the day during small group time, presentations, and socialization time (these times vary each day). Upon check in, parents may request for their child to check in/out their phone with a staff member at the start and end of each day. This option will allow them to disconnect and enjoy their PA Camp experience during the day and connect with loved ones at wake-up and bedtime as well as provide them with music or white noise using headphones at night.



## 2024 PA Camp Medical Release Form

Name	Date o	of Birth	//	Sex		
AddressPhone						
Parent/Guardian Name						
Address (if different than above	)					
Mother: Day Phone	Cell Phone					
Father: Day Phone	Cell Phone_	Cell Phone				
Please list an emergency contact	ct that is <u>NOT</u> a parent listed abov	ve:				
Name	Relation	P	hone			
Date of last Tetanus shot (if known)_						
a licensed practitioner. I acknowledge n	mplete and true to the best of my knowledge ny legal responsibility for any treatment prov uth and Community Resources for medical overification.	vided for the a	bove-named 1	person. I hereby v	vaive all provisions of	
	Consent to Photogr	raph				
which I, the undersigned, appear while	to Action Youth and Community Resource enrolled as a participant in any or all their pr nd/or videotapes for exhibitions, public disp or reservations.	ograms. I furt	her agree that	t Action Youth an	d Community	
Signature of Parent/Guardian		Date				