



Stronghold

Camp & Retreat Center

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1922 IL Rt. 2 N

PO Box 199

Oregon, IL 61061

MINI CAMP

STRONGHOLD SUMMER CAMPS 2015

WELCOME!



We have received your registration for Stronghold Summer Camps and are excited to welcome you as a camper this summer. Thanks for making Stronghold a part of your summer plans this year.

Registration is from 3 pm-4pm on Saturday at the Brubaker Center. Campers who arrive early are welcome to enjoy the beautiful grounds of Stronghold. Hiking maps are available in the Brubaker Center lobby.

We will be tie-dying camp shirts this year. Dye will stain anything it touches. Please make sure you have appropriate cloths packed for tie dye day in case you accidentally drip dye on them.

Parents are invited to join us for Tuesday night's dinner at 6:00 pm in the Brubaker Center. Sign up can be done during registration time and parents must sign up to attend. Campers will be dismissed after dinner.

Feel free to call or e-mail if you have questions. Our number is (815) 732-6111, or my e-mail is ryan@strongholdcenter.org.

Thank you again for your registration and we're looking forward to seeing you at Camp!

Getting to camp: 1922 IL Rt. 2 N, Oregon, IL 61061

From IL Route 64:

Take IL-Rt 64 until you arrive at the junction of IL Route 64 and IL Route 2 (also called 4th St) in the town of Oregon, IL (this will be a stoplight) . Travel north for approximately 2 miles. The Stronghold entrance will be on the left hand side of the road. Look for the brown "Stronghold Camp" signs. Follow the road up the hill to Brubaker Center.

From IL Route 2 South:

Travel north on IL-Rt 2 to Oregon, IL. At the junction of IL Route 2 and IL Route 64 (this will be a stoplight) continue north for approximately 2 miles. The Stronghold entrance will be on the left hand side of the road. Look for the brown "Stronghold Camp" signs. Follow the road up the hill to Brubaker Center.

From IL Route 2 North:

Take IL-Rt 2 to Byron, IL. At the junction of IL Route 2 and IL Route 72 (also called Union St.) travel south for approximately 8.5 miles. Stronghold entrance which will be on the right hand side of the road. Look for the brown "Stronghold Camp" signs. Follow the road up the hill to Brubaker Center.



Info for parents:

Please do not send pictures of family with your camper. This could enhance homesickness rather than prevent it.

Please do send mail, email or faxes, understanding that your child will not be able to respond in the same manner. **Campers LOVE getting mail from home.** Please address your mail to:

Camper's Name
Campers Group
Stronghold Summer Camps
PO Box 199
Oregon, IL 61061

If you would like to email your camper, the address is summercampinfo@strongholdcenter.org. Be sure to include your camper's name and camp group in the "subject" line. You can also send faxes to 815-732-7325. **Please, just one email or fax per day per camper.**

All mail, e-mail, and faxes will be given out during meal times (8:30, 12:30, 6:00). Please note that staff prints email and gathers faxes, so privacy is not guaranteed.

We do not allow campers to have cell phones and beyond emergencies campers are not allowed to use the telephones at camp. Besides disrupting the group building process, we prefer campers to work out their differences or problems rather than just calling home. However, if your child has a concern and wants to call home, a staff member will be certain to call home to check in with the campers parents. If you wish to call me to check on your child's progress or would like to get in touch with me, please do. If there are problems (i.e. Illness, homesickness, behavior, etc.) the nurse or myself will be in touch with you to discuss the situation and if deemed necessary, or requested by the parents, we will put you in touch with your child. We will never prevent a parent from speaking with their child.

We understand that kids might miss their pets while at camp, however we ask that you please do not bring pet for registration or closing.

WHAT TO BRING, AND NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

*** A good rule is: If you can't afford to lose it don't bring it to camp! ***

- ___ **Casual Clothing**
- ___ **Rain Gear** (especially a rain jacket or poncho)
- ___ **Long sleeved shirts** 1 or 2 for cool evenings and to protect against mosquitoes
- ___ **Long pants** – for cool evenings and to protect against mosquitoes
- ___ **Clothing to wear for tie dyeing** may stain
- ___ **Swimsuit**
- ___ **Towel** (or two)
- ___ **Sweats/jacket** for cool nights
- ___ **Walking shoes** or **Hiking boots** (1 or 2 pairs)
- ___ 1 pair of **sandals or water shoes** - No Flip-Flops or sandals without backs
- ___ **Sleeping bag**
- ___ **Pillow**
- ___ **Toiletries**
- ___ **Sun-block**
- ___ **Insect repellent** (OFF Towlettes work well as they help to prevent over use)
- ___ Water bottle with your name on it
- ___ **Backpack or book bag** (to carry the items needed daily)

- ___ **Flashlight**
- ___ **Camera** (optional)
- ___ **Bible**
- ___ **Notebook and writing tools**
- ___ Any **prescription medication** you may need (this will be administered by the nurse. Please make sure you have enough for the whole time you are here)
- ___ If you wish, **money** for the gift shop. Please note Stronghold cannot hold money and is not responsible for lost money.

Please do not bring

- Cell phones or pagers
- iPods/CD players/radios/gameboys/PSPs or other electronics
- Expensive jewelry or clothing
- Food or candy (it attracts animals and insects to your stuff)
- Alcohol, Tobacco or Drugs (unless prescription, see above)
- Firearms and fireworks
- Pocket knives
- Bad Attitudes