



**TO:** 2024 Camp Neidig Participants

**FROM:** Camp Neidig Committee, Rotary District 7430

Please accept our congratulations for the honor of being selected as a camper. We trust that the few short days that you will spend at camp will enhance your skills as a leader in your school, community, and future. More importantly, we hope to increase your awareness of the leadership potential that you possess.

Camp Neidig is a program sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 7430 (Southeastern Pennsylvania). The camps' purpose is to provide the young leaders of the future with an opportunity to socialize, bond, and develop their skills together in a dynamic leadership environment. As a Camp Neidig participant, you will find that your days and nights will be filled with a variety of activities oriented toward all facets of leadership. Your time will be balanced between complex problem-solving scenarios, team-building experiences, guest presentations, and competitive outdoor activities. Perhaps the greatest benefit that you will receive will come from the opportunity of sharing this experience with your fellow campers over the weekend, meeting students from high schools across the Rotary District. The friendships that you make will, in many cases, last a lifetime.

You may have been nominated for camp by a teacher, school counselor, coach, mentor, principal or member of your host Rotary club, and they (as well as previous campers), can provide insight to the experience. In addition, please feel free to check out our Camp Neidig website at [www.campneidig.com](http://www.campneidig.com) for more information, we are also on socials at [facebook.com/RotaryCampNeidig](https://facebook.com/RotaryCampNeidig) and [twitter.com/CampNeidig](https://twitter.com/CampNeidig). Camp Neidig will be held at the Camp Manatawny site at 33 Camp Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518. Information about this camp can be found at [www.manatawny.org](http://www.manatawny.org)

Following your arrival and registration at the camp, you will be assigned to a shared cabin. Please refer to the attached packing checklist for recommendations for what to bring. Please bring sufficient clothing to allow for two changes a day for the four-day weekend. Other important information is attached as well.

Your Neidig staff is a diverse representation of counselors from various professions and vocations. The majority of the staff were campers themselves, and are experienced professionals holding varying aspects of leadership roles. We all know that you will benefit positively from your daily interactions with the staff.

We're excited to have you at camp on Friday June 14th with an open mind and cooperative spirit!

## Packing Checklist:

- Sleeping bag/ bedding
- Pillow and pillow case
- Towel (shower and pool)
- Toiletries
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Phone charger
- Water Bottle

- Sufficient changes of clothes for weekend (outdoor/athletic clothing recommended)
- Sneakers & extra socks
- Swimsuit
- Sweatshirt/Sweatpants (nights can get cold)
- Hat & Sunglasses

## Optional:

- Snacks
- Money for canteen
- Instrument or Props for talent show
- Frisbee/ sports equipment for free time
- Raincoat/poncho
- Flip flops/ shower shoes

*You will be provided with a pencil/paper, and a drawstring bag for your belongings. Camp facilities have showers and restrooms, but do not provide toiletries or linens. Camp Manatawy has a canteen which may be available to purchase snacks.*

## Camp Important Information:

1. Complete the online registration form that is listed on your camp materials **ASAP**. [Online registration](#) must be completed by May 17, 2024 to ensure your space is reserved for camp and the sponsoring Rotary Club has time to pay camp fees. (There is no charge to students participating - this camp is fully funded by Rotarians). No late registration forms will be accepted after May 31, 2024.
2. **Please have your camp medical form completed by a doctor within 30 days of attending camp. Bring your completed medical form with you to camp on registration day. If you lose your health form you can download it from our website listed on the front page of this letter.**
3. Camp check-in is on **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. **Do not arrive before 1:00 p.m.** Activities begin promptly at 3 PM, so you must be checked in prior and ready to go. Lunch will not be served on Friday, the first meal is at dinner at 6 PM.
4. Connect with a member of your sponsoring Rotary Club, as they will coordinate transportation arrangements both to and from camp.
5. The weekend builds upon learnings and experiences from previous camp sessions and activities, for that reason, you will be required to remain at camp through its duration and to participate in all sessions and activities. Leaving camp early or being excused from camp sessions will only be considered by the camp Director on an exceptional basis. Any camper who leaves camp early will not be permitted to return. If you cannot make a full commitment to the Camp Neidig weekend, please allow another young leader the opportunity to attend!
6. **You are not permitted to have a car or other vehicle at Camp.**
7. Our camp is co-educational. We ask that you behave with decorum, respect, and good judgment in your interpersonal relationships with other campers. Cabins are separated by gender, please notify staff for reasonable accommodations. Campers will be assigned to a shared cabin and are expected to respect the privacy of other campers. Campers are not permitted in non-assigned cabins.
8. Our blanket medical insurance policy will cover costs associated with accidents, etc. that exceed your basic hospital and medical policy coverage.
9. You are not permitted to have a car or other vehicle at Camp.
10. We will NOT be responsible for lost or stolen items! Valuable items should be left at home.
11. In order to benefit the most from your camp experience, we encourage you to concentrate on your camp environment and sessions and will ask campers to minimize phone usage.
12. The camp is formally closed after the concluding ceremonies on Monday evening, June 17<sup>th</sup> at about 8:30 PM. **NO CAMPER is authorized to leave before that time.**

*Camp Neidig will take place at the Camp Manatawy grounds which were established in 1967 and have limited facilities. Communal cabins and bathroom facilities are differentiated by gender and are not ADA-compliant due to the age of the facilities. Registration for camp serves as acknowledgment that you know and will feel comfortable staying at Camp Manatawy for the duration of the weekend.*