



TO: Rotary Youth Leadership Camp Neidig Participants

FROM: Camp Neidig Committee, Rotary District 7430

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

Camp Neidig is a program sponsored by the Rotary Clubs in the Rotary District 7430 (Southeastern Pennsylvania). Its purpose is to provide exceptional young men and women with the opportunity to live, work, and socialize together in a dynamic leadership environment. The activities in which you will become involved will be focused upon contemporary problems, ethical situations, and decision making that will contribute to your development as a leader.

As a Camp Neidig participant, you will find that your days and nights will be filled with a variety of activities oriented towards leadership. Most of your time will be structured in such programs as group discussions, problem solving, team building, guest presentations, and outdoor activities. Perhaps the greatest benefit that you will receive will come from the opportunity of sharing this experience with the approximately 120 outstanding young men and women from about 80 high schools within this Rotary District. The friendships that you make will, in many cases, last a lifetime.

A member of your host Rotary Club, or your principal or guidance counselor, can provide the names of former campers to you. In addition, please check out our Camp Neidig website at www.campneidig.com for more information or if you need to download lost forms. We are also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RotaryCampNeidig and Twitter at www.twitter.com/CampNeidig.

Camp Neidig will be held at Camp Manatawny near Boyertown, PA. Information about Camp Manatawny can be found at www.manatawny.org

Following your arrival and registration at the camp, you will be assigned to a shared **unheated** cabin. Plan to bring a **sleeping bag** and clothing appropriate for such an environment. Most campers will wear T-shirts/polo shirts, shorts/jeans, and athletic-type sneakers. Please bring sufficient clothing to allow for two changes a day for four days and a sweatshirt or jacket if the evenings are forecasted to be cool.

Your camp counselors are all experienced in youth or leadership programs. They represent various professions or vocations. We all know that you will benefit positively from your daily interactions with the staff.

Important information that you should be aware of in preparation for camp is furnished on the back of this form.

Suggested Things To Bring

Sleeping bag	poncho/raincoat	money for snacks (concession stand)
Twin sheet to cover mattress	Laundry bag	flashlight
Pillow and pillow case	toilet articles	pen/pencil
shorts or jeans	towels, soap and washcloth	flashlight
T-shirts or polo shirts	swimsuit & towel	hair dryer (if needed)
sufficient underwear	sunscreen	insect repellent
socks	sweatshirt / jacket	a cooperative spirit
sneakers or athletic shoes - 2 pairs		Props/instruments to be used in talent show

Things you Should Know and Do

1. Camp check in takes place on **Friday, June 14th from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. The Camp program begins promptly at 3:00 PM! ***Please do not arrive before 1:00 p.m.*** The Camp is formally closed after the concluding ceremonies on Monday evening, June 17th at about 8:30 PM. **NO CAMPER is authorized to leave early.**
2. A member of your sponsoring Rotary Club will coordinate transportation arrangements both to and from Camp. Their name is on the letter to your parents. Lunch will **not** be served at Camp on Friday.
3. Each camp session and activity 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 Camp sessions and activities. Leaving camp early or being excused from camp sessions will only be considered by the Camp Director on an exceptional basis for a family emergency. 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!
4. **You are not permitted to have a car or other vehicle at Camp.**
5. Our Camp is co-educational. We ask that you behave with decorum, respect, and good judgment in your interpersonal relationships with other campers. There will be separate housing areas for males and females at the Camp. Campers will share a cabin with 6 to 8 campers. All campers are expected to respect the privacy of other campers and are not permitted to enter any other cabins other than their assigned cabin.
6. *You acknowledge that you know and will feel comfortable staying at Camp Manatawny for the duration of the Leadership Camp. Camp Manatawny was established in 1967 and has limited facilities. Communal cabins, bathrooms, and showering facilities are differentiated by gender and are not ADA-compliant due to the age of the facilities.*
7. **Complete the online registration form by May 17, 2024** to ensure your space is reserved for camp and the sponsoring Rotary Club has time to pay your camp fees. (There is no charge to the students for participating. This camp is fully funded by Rotarians.) No late registration forms will be accepted after May 31, 2024.
8. **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 medical form you can download it from our website listed on the front page of this letter.**
9. Our blanket medical insurance policy will cover costs associated with accidents, etc. that exceed your basic hospital and medical policy coverage.
10. **We will NOT be responsible for lost or stolen items! Valuable items should be left at home.**
11. Cell phones are permitted, but we request them to be off during camp sessions. They may only be used during free time periods. **Any interruption of camp sessions by these devices will not be tolerated.**