BEGINNER'S CAMP INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

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2025 BEGINNER'S CAMP DATES

Thursday, July 31 (2pm) - Sunday, August 3 (10am)

INCLUSION STATEMENT

Paradise Point values and respects the dignity of all individuals, which includes all races, denominations, gender identification, and sexual orientation. We do this by training and educating our staff, notifying all participants of our programming, and reinforcement of these values when necessary. We are inclusive and affirming of trans* and non-binary people (campers, volunteers, and staff). As part of our commitment to inclusivity we use pronouns in introductions.

BALANCE DUES/REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY

Session balances are due one week before the first day of the registered session. If there is an outstanding balance during the check-in process of that registered session the parent/guardian must either pay in full or set up a payment plan. A \$100 per session non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. A \$100 cancellation fee will be charged if a reservation is canceled less than one week before the first day of camp. Due to the challenge of filling spaces, no refunds will be issued on or after the first day of the registered session. In cases of homesickness, dismissal or voluntary withdrawal, no refunds will be issued. All refunds will be processed within 30 days of the last day of the camp season.

CAMPER EXPECTATIONS

All campers at Paradise Point Camp agree to respect camp staff, their fellow campers, wildlife, and the camp property. For their own safety, the safety of others, and for the safekeeping of Paradise Point, campers agree to follow the Paradise Point guidelines as presented on the first day of camp and outlined in this document.

CAMPER SUPERVISION

During Beginner's Camp it is the responsibility of the adult camper to supervise their young camper. Exceptions include specific program time when camp staff will assume the responsibility of supervising young campers (ex: story hour, activity choices, and cabin connections). Paradise Point Camp lifeguards are not responsible for supervising campers on the beach and an adult should be nearby to provide basic supervision.

MEDICAL CARE

In case of an emergency, arrangements for treatment have been made with the St. Luke's McCall Medical Center, which is about eight miles from Camp. If it is determined that a camper needs to visit the doctor's office or emergency room, the camper's insurance is billed.

MEDICATIONS

All medication storage and delivery for Beginner's Campers (adult and child) is the responsibility of the adult camper. Paradise Point Camp will not collect, store, or dispense medications.

HEALTH CENTER

While we do not have an on-site health care provider for Beginner's Camp, all staff are trained in CPR/First Aid/AED. The Health Center is available for participant use if accompanied by staff. Over the counter medication and basic first aid supplies are available.

DIETARY NEEDS

Paradise Point Camp is a peanut-free facility. Please do not send or bring any peanuts or peanut items to camp.

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It is our desire that all participants be able to experience Paradise Point without concern or anxiety of dietary restrictions. We can meet a variety of dietary restrictions, including vegetarian, gluten, dairy, egg, and nut allergies. To meet the needs of these participants, it is necessary to obtain as much information as possible **prior to the arrival** at camp. List any special dietary needs during the registration process. Please be as specific as possible regarding the exact nature and severity of any allergy or intolerance.

Please note that we will make every effort to accommodate special requests. However, due to our open kitchen that handles the major allergens (gluten, wheat, dairy, nuts, etc...) we cannot guarantee that items will be completely "free" of any ingredient. While Paradise Point works to provide meals which meet these special needs as much as possible, it is the responsibility of the individual to avoid those foods that they are unable to eat. In certain cases, we allow participants to bring some of their own food items, made available to campers at meal and snack times.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Please plan to arrive at Paradise Point no earlier than 2:00 PM on the first day of camp. Dinner that evening will be served between 6:30-7:30 PM. After driving down the camp driveway, you will be greeted by a staff member who will direct you to parking. Please check-in with camp staff in the main parking lot before heading to your assigned lodging. At the check-in table, you will be able to sign all necessary permission forms, receive your assigned lodging, make a deposit for your Brown Bear camp store account, and can take care of any account balances due. Check-in after 7:00 PM on arrival day occurs at the Camp Office in the Yurt. Please contact the Camp if arriving after 9:00 PM.

Please contact the Camp Office if you are bringing a youth (under 18) for whom you are not the parent or legal guardian and we will send you the necessary permission forms to complete prior to arrival day.

Please plan on **departing** camp no later than **11:00 AM** on the last day of camp. There is no need to clean your cabin or room, but please make sure you have all your belongings before leaving. Brown Bear will be open on departure day for any last-minute Paradise Point gear and to settle your balance.

A TYPICAL BEGINNER'S CAMP SCHEDULE

Arrival		Full Day		Full Day (THEME DAY)		Departure Day	
2:00	Check-In/settle in	7:30	Wakeup Bell	7:30	Wakeup Bell	7:30	Polar Bear Plunge
5:30	Tour/Games	8:00	Breakfast	8:00	Breakfast	8:00	Breakfast
6:30	Dinner/Orientation	9:00	Morning Chapel	9:00	Morning Chapel	9:00	Brown Bear Open
7:30	Activity Sign-up	10:00	Activity Choices	10:00	Theme day activities		Lost & Found
8:15	Campfire	12:30	Lunch/Toes Up	12:30	Lunch/Toes Up	9:30	Camp Photo
9:00	Reflections/Story	2:30	Lifeguarded Waterfront	2:30	Lifeguarded Waterfront		Sing Songs
10:30	Quiet Hours		Wibit		Wibit	10:00	Campers Depart
12:30	Lights Out	4:30	Cleanup Time	4:30	Cleanup Time		
		5:00	Cabin Connection	5:00	Theme day activities		
		6:00	Dinner	6:00	Dinner		
		7:00	Evening Chapel	7:00	Evening Chapel		
		7:30	Campfire w/ S'mores	7:30	Campfire		
		8:15	Reflections/Story	8:15	Reflections/Story		
		10:30	Quiet Hours	10:30	Quiet Hours		
		12:30	Lights Out	12:30	Lights Out		

THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP Paradise Point is no	t responsible for lost items. Please label everything!
Sleeping bag & pillow	Gloves for cool weather
Bathroom toiletries	Long pants & shorts
Towel (beach & shower)	Sweatshirt & jacket
Swim Suit	Short & Long sleeve shirts
Water Bottle	Flashlight or Headlamp
Tennis shoes/Hiking Boots & Flip Flops	Sunscreen (30 SPF minimum)
Hat for hot/cold weather	Bug Spray

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

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Illegal drugs, weapons, or ammunition are not permitted on Paradise Point property. Please do not bring matches, lighters, fireworks or other related items to camp. Service animals are the only pets allowed on camp. Paradise Point Camp strives to be a tech-free space to enjoy fellowship and God's creation, we recommend leaving electronics at home and limiting any cell phone use during camp.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

The King Lodge provides heat, electricity, attached bathrooms, and in-room vanity sink. Jack-and-Jill bathrooms are shared with one other room and beds have fitted sheets only. All bedding, toiletries and towels are provided by the participant.

Cabins have screened in windows and bunk beds with foam mattresses; however, they do not include heat or electricity.

Rechargeable, battery powered lanterns are available for use in cabins. Please pack accordingly to stay warm! To prevent unwanted visits from wildlife, food should not be kept inside the cabins.

Lodging preferences are selected during registration. If changes need to be made after registration, please contact the Camp Office.

MORNING CELEBRATIONS & EVENING REFLECTIONS

As an Episcopal camp, Paradise Point promotes Christian values throughout the camp activities, such as love, compassion, prayer, and forgiveness. Paradise Point Camp staff offer daily Morning Celebration and Evening Reflections and a one-hour Spiritual Connection time during the week for every camper. Each summer, the curriculum for the spiritual program changes: however, the twice daily structure remains the same.

At the end of each week, a priest from within the Episcopal Church in Idaho will volunteer their time at camp to provide support for campers and staff and allow campers to experience an instructional Eucharist (ceremonial consecration and consumption of bread and wine). Although all campers will be present during the instructional Eucharist, it is not mandatory for all campers to participate. This is an opportunity for all to learn what Eucharist is about and why it is sacred. Staff and campers have the option to take communion, receive a prayer, or just observe. The Episcopal Church uses red wine in Communion celebration. Paradise Point welcomes campers and staff of all beliefs and denominations, and camp staff are trained in the philosophy of "all may, some should, and none must."

LOST & FOUND

On a daily basis, lost and found items will be placed on Trust Rock (the rock in the central gathering area) for campers to claim. On departure day, we do a lost and found fashion show during breakfast to return items found to campers. Anything not claimed will be displayed at camp on the Check-Out table during departure day. An online form will be sent out after each session to connect lost and found items with their owners. Lost and found items can be picked up at camp, the Diocesan Office in Boise, or be shipped at an additional charge. All leftover items are donated at the end of the summer. Please label all your camper's items to help prevent missing items. Link to form: https://forms.gle/kmNY1haCUqFNPuRF7

LICE: NO NIT POLICY

Paradise Point is committed to taking precautions (not sharing hairbrushes, hats, etc.) to minimize the risk of lice infestation among our campers and staff. Please read the following information carefully as no refunds will be issued if lice or nits are found and the camper is unable to be treated and return to camp in the registered session.

Persons with any evidence of lice, including nits (egg casings), will not be able to participate in the camp session. The camper will need to seek treatment for the lice and/or nits at home. If your child has had head lice or has been exposed to them within four weeks prior to his/her arrival at camp, please notify us. Please check your child for lice or nits before arriving at Paradise Point Camp.

Additional information on head lice & its treatment can be found at https://www.headlice.org/downloads/nonitpolicy.htm

BROWN BEAR STORE POLICY

Brown Bear is the camp store where campers can purchase snacks, drinks, and merchandise. Campers are allowed to purchase one snack and one drink item each afternoon and will typically spend \$3/day. In addition to snacks, Paradise Point merchandise is available in Brown Bear and range in price from \$5-\$35 (sweatshirts, water bottles, stuffed animals, etc.).

Balances of less than \$15 at the end of each camp session will be donated to the Camper Scholarship Fund. Balances can be transferred to siblings or family members attending future camp sessions. Parents/guardians have the option to donate balances over \$15 to the Camper Scholarship Fund or have balances refunded via check. All Brown Bear Refunds & Donations will be processed within 30 days of the last day of the last camp session if it is not transferred, typically around October.

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SENDING MAIL TO YOUR CAMPER

Please do not include food in care packages.

Campers love to receive mail and care packages when they are away from home. Please make sure to send packages early in the week to make sure your camper receives them while they are at camp. You may also leave a care package at drop-off labeled with your camper's name and date to be delivered. Packages or letters that arrive after your camper has departed will be returned to sender. Thank you for grace if letters or packages are slow to be delivered as the McCall Post Office and Paradise Point Camp manage large volumes of packages and mail in a rural, remote location.

It has been a fun Paradise Point tradition that if a camper receives three letters or a package they will get to be thrown in the lake! They also have the option to sing with other campers or have their Counselor thrown in the lake instead!

Ideas for care packages:

- Anything glow-in-the-dark is a huge hit bracelets, necklaces, glasses, toys, etc. (no glow-in-the-dark ceiling stickers, please)
- Stationary/Pens to write home
- Something to autograph campers love to get everyone to sign something before they leave.
- Crossword puzzles or any activity books that can be used during Toes Up
- Card games
- Water toys inflatable toys, water guns, diving toys, etc. (no water balloons, please)

Direct mail correspondence to: Camper's Name C/O Paradise Point Camp P.O. Box 764

McCall, ID 83638

CONTACT AFTER CAMP (Campers with Staff and Campers with Campers)

Camper safety is Paradise Point's primary goal and safety after camp is still a priority. The friendships that form at Camp between staff members and campers are important and have tremendous value.

If contact with staff members is desired after camp, it is suggested that all communication take place through official Paradise Point social media sites (this includes, but is not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter) or by mail/email through the Camp Office. Paradise Point advises staff on appropriate communication and healthy boundaries with campers, which includes all emails and letters being addressed to the camper's parents or guardians, or phone calls with the parent or guardian present. Online communication on personal accounts between staff members and campers is not monitored or managed by Paradise Point and Paradise Point is not responsible for the content on the staff member's accounts. The expectation is that all parties (parents, campers, and staff) use respect and common sense in social media communication or contact outside of Camp.

Paradise Point Social Media **Website**: paradisepointcamp.org

Facebook: facebook.com/paradisepointcamp

Instagram: @paradisepointcamp

YouTube: youtube.com/channel/ParadisePointSummerCamp

Campers who would like to keep in touch with other campers are encouraged to exchange contact information while at Camp. During the registration process parents and guardians can select to share their contact information (address, phone number, and email) if requested by another camper. Parents or Guardians can contact the Camp Office to receive approved contact information. Paradise Point will never share any information with an outside party without your permission.

CAMP PICTURES

Each day, Paradise Point staff are able to take pictures of activities on camp and we do our best to get a picture of each camper every day. All photos are uploaded to your online account and available for you to view. The ability to upload photos is dependent on our internet connection and staff availability. Uploads are done about 3 times per week. It may take more time to get all pictures uploaded. Camps that take place partially off-camp will have off-camp pictures uploaded within a week of departure day of that camp. Each week you will be emailed a link to a Google folder with that week's photos, with view only access.

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PARADISE POINT CAMP GUIDELINES

- Alcohol Please drink safely and responsibly
 - o Groups may bring & serve their own alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner
 - o Alcoholic drinks are NOT allowed in specialized program areas (i.e. wibit, ropes course, target sports) and these programs cannot be run if alcohol has been consumed
 - o Underage drinking is NOT tolerated
- Bicycles Only allowed on the upper road (around the ropes course)
 - o No biking in the main part of camp, Helmets must be worn when biking
- Dining Hall The Dining Hall is an Idaho Health Department regulated facility
 - o Shoes, shirts, and pants (no bikini style bottoms) are required to enter the Dining Hall
 - o The ice machine is available for use by guests, but the ice scoop provided must be used
 - o Guest food items are not allowed to be stored in the Dining Hall refrigerators or freezers (there is a residential refrigerator/freezer in the Health Center that guests can utilize)
 - o Guests may bring personal food/snacks if they are stored in plastic bins with lids or in personal vehicles
 - o Do not store any food in camper cabins
- **Emergency Procedures** If the bell rings consistently (more than 6-8 times), all guests must gather at the Recreation Hall as quickly as possible and wait for further instructions
- Green Areas Please respect the Green Areas, vegetation and forest life and use walking paths
- Lanterns for Cabins Available in the Recreation Hall and should be returned to charge daily
- **Pets** Paradise Point's facilities can accommodate service animals only; all other pets are not allowed. Service animals must be kept on a leash at all times and picked up after
- Quiet hours 10pm- 7am Sun-Thurs and 11pm 7am Friday and Saturday.
 - o No amplified music during quiet hours, noise level at conversational or lower
- Restricted Program Areas Please stay out of restricted areas unless accompanied by a certified staff member
 - o Ropes Course, Target Sport Range, Ceramic Center, and The Wibit (inflatable water obstacle course)
- Smoking Smoking is only allowed at the green picnic bench north of the Dining Hall all butts must be placed in the ashtray provided. Additional fees will be incurred for any cigarette butts picked up at camp.
- Speed limits and parking guidelines 6 mph in and out of camp. Back-in to all parking spots in case of an emergency evacuation
- Staff Area Please respect the privacy of the residential staff and do not enter staff area (staff housing is in the cabins to the west (behind) the dining hall)
- Trash and Recycle Plastic trash cans for trash and metal cans for aluminum recycling.
- Waterfront Guidelines Please follow all posted rules and lifeguard recommendations
 - o Glass containers are NOT allowed within the ropes of the waterfront area
 - The Wibit is only used when lifeguards are on duty and have specifically opened it for use
 - o All boaters in any Paradise Point vessel MUST always have a life jacket on; youth under 18 must have an adult accompanying them
 - o Diving is not allowed from the docks as the depth is too shallow
 - o Youth (under 18 years old) must have an adult with them if Paradise Point lifeguards are not on duty
 - o The waterfront area is closed after dusk and before dawn, including boats
 - o Jumping from any rock cliffs on Paradise Point's property is NOT allowed

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DIRECTIONS TO PARADISE POINT FROM BOISE

- Head west on State Street (Highway 44)
- Turn right onto Highway 55 North and continue 98 miles
- Heading north into McCall on Highway 55 (North 3rd Street in McCall)
- Turn right onto Deinhard Ln at the traffic light
- Turn left at S Samson Trail (stop sign)
- Continue onto Spring Mountain Ranch Blvd
- Turn right at Lick Creek Road (stop sign) and continue ~2 miles
- Slight left onto Eastside Drive at the fork (look for Paradise Point's sign to point the way)
- Continue 3.5 miles to Camp (pass Camp Morrison, Camp Ida-Haven and Tamarack Condominiums)
- Entrance to Paradise Point is on the left 1 mile after pavement ends

DIRECTIONS TO PARADISE POINT FROM NEW MEADOWS

- Head east on Highway 55 and continue 12 miles
- Heading east into McCall on Highway 55 (Lake Street in McCall)
- Turn right onto North 3rd Street in McCall
- Turn left onto Park Street (My Father's Place and May Hardware are on the corner)
- Continue onto Thompson Avenue
- Turn left at Davis Avenue
- Turn right at Lick Creek Road (stop sign) and continue 2 miles
- Slight left onto Eastside Drive at the fork (look for Paradise Point's sign to point the way)
- Continue 3.5 miles to Camp (pass Camp Morrison, Camp Ida-Haven and Tamarack Condominiums)
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