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Dear campers from 2016, prospective campers for 2017 and parents,

We plan to be back at Crossroads Retreat and Camp in Port Murray, NJ. Their webpage is [www.crossroadsretreat.com](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com). Dates will be July 2 - July 8. Remember our camp webpage. [www.jerseycamp.com](http://www.jerseycamp.com). Check it out! There are lots of pictures from last year.

Crossroads is going up on their rental and we've decided we need to bump up our camp fees \$10 per camper. Sorry. Single campers will be \$305, two campers from a family will be \$475 and three campers will be \$595. Add \$125 for each camper over three. If you want children to come but it is impossible for you to pay, let us know and we'll try to help find someone who can help you by "adopting" your camper and paying what you can't pay. **We don't want anyone to not come because they can't pay!** Let us work with you.

Our theme at camp this year will be "Signs in John." We'll be getting out more information about that as camp approaches. I hope to put a copy of the Bible material on the webpage, [www.jerseycamp.com](http://www.jerseycamp.com).

### **REMEMBER, NO CELL PHONES, IPODS OR OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONICS**

Cell phones/smart phones will be banned as always! Please cooperate with us on this. Campers must choose whether they want camp or give in to their cell phone addiction. They can't have both!

We will give instructions in our last letter on how you can contact your camper if necessary, but for now I think it best to just think of our camp as a pre-cell phone camp (pre-1995). Camps flourished before cell phones and I'm sure this camp can do well without them. It will be best for your child not to bring the cell phone, but if brought, they can be turned in at check-in.

(1) **Health form, medical clearance.** Much of my stress every year is caused by people who are late sending health forms and those who don't get medical clearance. Therefore, we won't consider you as registered until you get your health form in. Do the best you can with it, especially with the vaccinations.

(2) **This year it will also be necessary to obtain medical clearance for your camper.** If you can get that through your family doctor or school nurse, great! If there is any way you can get this done before camp, great! If not, or if it will be costly to you, go ahead and send your child and we'll do the best we can with authorities.

(3) **Again this year we will need parents to sign a waiver for Florida College** for photos and liability.

We need completed applications, health forms and money or deposits from campers as soon as possible. Last minute applications take years off the life of the director in stress.

(4) **Campers 18 years of age and all staff will have to do a background check.** It must be done on the Internet and takes about 5 minutes. The State of New Jersey now requires this.

### **CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS**

\* As always, please help us with **cutoffs coming above the knee or gapping open when sitting!** Test cutoffs you plan to bring by having your camper sit down with them on. If they creep up your knee even a little, they cause problems. **We still have problems with tight pants and short blouses that reveal the midriff.** These problems cause us stress because we don't want to have to ask campers to change. PRETTY PLEASE. If you think pants may only be slightly tight, or blouses only slightly short, don't bring them!

We appreciate the good attitude that most have about our strict clothing rules. They allow all of us all to be comfortable and we appreciate very much your help!

**Make sure all campers will be happy with our emphasis on Bible study and strict rules.** We want to try to make sure that those who don't like Bible study, or who would be unhappy with our rules won't come.

**Please talk with anyone who would be interested in helping the camp financially by "adopting" a camper who would have difficulty paying, or making a general donation.** I hate to have to beg, but it's necessary. So, let me know if you know of anyone who could help. Have them check out the web page.

We look forward to receiving your applications soon. We'll send you more information as soon as we get your application. Always feel free to contact me at (908) 850-5389 or email me at <GardnerHall3@gmail.com>. God bless all,

Your camp director,

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