

Mission Statement

At its most basic level an Orthodox camp should provide a safe haven free from the normal day to day pressures of contemporary society. Our goal is to help the campers grow spiritually by offering them a one-week experience in the controlled atmosphere of an Orthodox village. We offer fellowship, prayer, and instruction in Holy Tradition and how it applies to their day to day lives. In a youth camp we are trying to achieve a Christian Community in a natural setting, all the while remembering that these are children and teenagers. A camp for youth has to attract youth; therefore it has to be fun.

Our counselors are called upon to help create an atmosphere where our youth can learn by example and should see themselves as spiritual mentors and role models that have a great responsibility before God. (The reward is great also.)

Camp Location & Description

St. Xenia Orthodox Church Camp 2009 will be held at Camp Forest Acres, a beautiful summer campsite that has been in use since the 1920's. It is situated in picturesque Fryeburg, Maine bordering the scenic White Mountains of New Hampshire.

The campsite includes space for handling up to 200 campers comfortably, including cabins that are fitted with bathrooms and electricity, a spacious indoor gymnasium, a theater building, and extensive facilities for crafts. Outdoor facilities include an Olympic size pool, tennis courts, a huge activity field, a neighboring river for canoeing, campfire areas, and much more.

Overall, the camp offers a diverse array of enjoyable options for indoor and outdoor activities in an attractive setting.

Forest Acres is approximately (3) hours driving distance from Greater Boston, a ride that is scenic and easy with directions that are provided with the registration material.

Activities Anticipated for 2009

- Calisthenics
- Morning Prayers
- Arts and crafts
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Hiking (with extensive hiking in the scenic White Mountains for the Older Group)
- Soccer
- Group Field Games
- Daily Chapel Services
- Inspirational talks and discussions
- Campfires
- Talent and Skit Night
- Festivities on the Green
- And much more!

An Environment of an "Orthodox Village"

The staff and volunteers of St. Xenia Orthodox Church Camp work hard to develop and maintain a wholesome environment that fosters fellowship amongst campers, who develop friendships that carry well beyond the camp experience. The presence of visiting clergy, the active leadership of the Camp Chaplain, as well as staff and volunteers that are driven by a common mission and spirit, help to nurture an environment that is likened to, (as His Eminence Metropolitan Moses described), an "Orthodox village".

St. Xenia Camp Benefits All Involved!

Campers:

Boys and girls, ages 8-16, who are looking for a fun-filled, wholesome, and memorable week in an Orthodox camp setting. Registration forms are available on-line (see below.)

Counselors Needed:

Men and women who are interested in assisting, supporting, and mentoring our youth are encouraged to apply, reaping great rewards in knowing that young lives are positively impacted. Young men and women aged 17-18 are encouraged to apply for the position of Junior Counselor. Junior Counselors will be working closely with Senior Counselors and campers, building important leadership skills.

Cost Information

\$325.00 for the first camper
\$300.00 for the second camper per family
\$275.00 for the third camper per family
\$250.00 for the fourth or more

Key Contacts

Have questions? Need more information?
Listed here are some key contacts working on
various parts of the pre-camp organization
this year:

Catrin Thorp, St. Xenia Camp Registrar
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Mary Mihailoff, coordinating kitchen
(volunteer) staff
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Dr. Vassily Mihailoff, Camp Director
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**On-line registration material
is available at the camp
website:**

<http://www.homb.org/stxeniacamp>

St. Xenia Orthodox Church Camp



Summer Camp 2009

August 16th – 22rd

St. Xenia Orthodox Church Camp
functions with the blessings of
His Eminence, Metropolitan Ephraim
and His Grace, Bishop Demetrius
and is sponsored by
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