

Dear Ondessonk Friends,

You are cordially invited to Camp Ondessonk's annual Labor Day Friends Weekend scheduled for **Thursday, August 29th to Monday, September 2nd, 2019**. The theme for this year's event is "**Happy Days at Camp O**".



Please join your Ondessonk friends to celebrate the completion of camp's 60th summer. An overview of the weekend's events and activities is included in the following pages. **The camp gate will open at 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 29th**. Please respect our staff's need to prepare by arriving no sooner than 4:00 PM on Thursday. Activity areas will be open on Saturday and Sunday as staffing availability allows. Activity areas will not be open on Friday.

Invitations to this year's Friends Weekend are being extended to the following individuals (AKA Ondessonk Friends):

1. Camp Ondessonk Staff Alumni or;
2. Adults that have volunteered for Camp Ondessonk since Labor Day of last year (September 3, 2018) or;
3. Adults that have made cash or in-kind gifts totaling \$75 or more to Camp Ondessonk since Labor Day of last year (September 3, 2018).
4. Each invited individual is welcome to bring immediate family members (spouses, children, siblings, or parents) and/or may "sponsor" one additional guest. "Additional guests" are not allowed to bring other individuals.
5. Non-invited individuals wishing to attend may be added to the invite list (please see below).

Notes about the Invite List:

- Friends Weekend is intended to be a celebration for some of the organization's closest friends, thus the name "Friends Weekend". We realize that some may feel left out or even offended by not receiving an invitation to the event. We apologize to those that may feel this way. Please know it is not too late to be included in the invite list. Camp Ondessonk relies entirely upon camper programming fees and financial contributions from individuals and organizations to sustain its operating budget. If you know of individuals that have not been invited that would like to be, please encourage them to renew their commitment to the organization by making a financial contribution.
- The invite list is generated from our database of tens of thousands of families and individuals. Our goal is to extend Friends Weekend invitations to the correct people but we realize errors will be made. Tracking the last year's donors can be done quite accurately. Though we have taken measures during the last several years to significantly increase our accuracy, tracking volunteer activity is sometimes more difficult because of the sheer number of people that contribute to Ondessonk's mission in this way. Tracking and inviting 100% of the last 60 years of staff alums is a challenge because of changed addresses, incomplete information, and other limitations inherent to managing a large and complex database. Again, we apologize to those individuals that should have been invited that were not. If you hear of people that have been wrongfully excluded, contact the camp office or email registration@ondessonk.com.

Even if you have attended for many years, please read the following event information. Of note are the following important details. Further information is found on the following pages:

- **We kindly ask that you take responsibility for relaying the information found on the following pages to every person for whom you register.**
- **Alcohol consumption is prohibited throughout camp property except in lodging areas (cabin units, tent camping areas, & St. Noel) and the Old Dining Hall area during Sunday evening's dinner and dance.**
- **All guests must pre-register. Please don't put us in an awkward position by just "showing up". While you should always feel welcome at Camp Ondessonk, pre-registering makes it possible for us to order enough food, make housing assignments without overbooking lodging areas, and otherwise plan for your presence. At the very least, give us a call if you miss the registration deadline.**
- **Registration forms will only be accepted from invited guests.**
- **Four units have been designated as "children/family friendly" with quiet time beginning at 10 pm.**
- **Do not transport firewood to Camp Ondessonk. We will provide a reasonable amount of split firewood for no charge.**
- **Monsignor Fournie Mini-Camp Village will be open for family lodging during Friends Weekend 2019. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Fournie Village, nor are tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or similar devices.**

As always, your ongoing contributions to the campers of Ondessonk are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan King,
Executive Director

CAMP ONDESSONK FRIENDS WEEKEND INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Ondessonk staff alums, volunteers, and donors have enjoyed Labor Day weekends at Camp Ondessonk for over 40 years. Many Ondessonk Friends consider the annual event to be among the highlights of the year. **In order to create an enjoyable and safe experience for all, we ask that you make all of the members of your group aware of the following information, especially all safety policies for the weekend.**

REGISTRATION

Invited guests must register prior to arrival by using the registration form found on the following pages. **We may turn away individuals that have not pre-registered.** Family members of invited guests and sponsored guests of invited guests cannot register on their own registration forms. Registration forms will only be accepted from invited guests. Information about the invite list can be found on the cover letter of this document. **Please note that 2019 Friends Weekend T-shirts should be ordered with your registration materials in advance to ensure availability.**

SAFETY POLICIES

In the interest of the safety of you and other guests, please avoid taking unnecessary risks. In doing so, kindly keep the following in mind when planning your weekend:

- **If you are of age and choose to drink during Friends Weekend, please be considerate to those around you and to Ondessonk itself. Underage drinking will not be tolerated... Please do not put camp in a difficult position. Wristbands for guests over 21 will be distributed upon check-in.**
- **Alcohol consumption is prohibited throughout camp property except in lodging areas (units, tent camping areas, and St. Noel) and the Old Dining Hall area during Sunday evening's dinner and dance. Alcohol restriction applies to all activity areas, including the Swimming Area Gazebo.**
- **All rowboats, canoes, and kayaks must be returned to the boat dock after use.** For the safety of all guests, please do not try to keep a boat, canoe, or kayak in your unit.
- **Please leave pets at home.** A list of local kennels will be provided upon arrival if you choose to ignore this rule. Thank you!
- **Camp Ondessonk reserves the right to dismiss guest(s) exhibiting inappropriate behavior.** We appreciate that you are a friend to the organization. **However, we will not permit behavior detrimental to the overall Camp Ondessonk community.**
- **Please do not enter the swimming area and other activity areas without permission or after hours.**
- **The Health Center will not be staffed at any time during the weekend.** Please bring your own personal medications and First Aid supplies.

VEHICLE USE

The speed limit on Ondessonk Road (a.k.a. "the camp road") is 20 MPH. The speed limit on the lake road is 5 MPH. For the safety of yourself and others traveling on these narrow and unforgiving roads, please follow the speed limit. **Guests arriving on Thursday will be allowed to drive their belongings to their camping area.** Vehicles must be returned to the parking lot immediately thereafter. **Starting on Friday afternoon the roads beyond the parking lot will be closed to guest vehicle traffic until 6:30 AM Monday morning.** When the gate is open Thursday evening and Monday morning, traffic on the lake road will be limited to one direction. Vehicles should flow from the parking lot towards Lalande, then on to Goupil, Chabanel, Lalemant, Garnier, Amantacha, Raganeau, Tekakwitha, Brebeuf, then back to the parking lot. Daniel and BOQ campers should access their units by first driving across the swimming lake dam. As a courtesy to other guests, please limit the time you are loading your car to fewer than 20 minutes. Please do not block the main road. **Again, the speed limit on the lake road is 5 MPH.**

CHECK-IN

Check in will begin at 4:00 pm Thursday. Wrist bands indicating that you have registered will be issued at this time. Please do not arrive earlier than 4 pm. Our staff will be busy cleaning and preparing for Friends Weekend until guests arrive at 4 pm. The registration table will be located near the St. Noel building. **The registration table will be staffed from 4 pm until 10 pm on Thursday evening. It will be open from 10 am – midnight Friday and 10 am – 10 pm Saturday. If you must arrive after the registration table is closed, please check-in ASAP the following morning.** Because there will be pedestrians on the roads and because of negative past experiences doing otherwise, we've assigned camp staff to haul guest luggage from Friday morning through the rest of the weekend; just unload your car in the parking lot, attach luggage tags with your unit name and we'll take it from there! Guests arriving Thursday will be allowed to transport their own luggage to their unit but must return their cars to the parking lot immediately thereafter. Special trips for late arrivals and early departures can be arranged with Ondessonk staff once you arrive. Please help us keep the main area and units free of all guest vehicle traffic until Monday morning.

LODGING OPTIONS (**Please note there are numerous changes from previous Friend's Weekends)

Families with Children (and those seeking evening quiet time): The following units have been designated as family friendly units geared towards families with children. Quiet time in these units begins at 10 pm and will be enforced with eviction if necessary. Please note that a band will be performing in the Old Dining Hall late into the night on Sunday. The music from this event will be loud enough to hear in these units.

- **Daniel** (Treehouses near swimming area)
- **Lalande** (Treehouses near swimming area)
- **Goupil** (bluff top treehouses near swimming area)
- **Fournie Village** (Cabins near Dining Hall. Alcohol & tobacco prohibited.)

General Unit Camping: The following cabin units are available to all guests. Realizing that Friends Weekend traditionally includes spirited late night social gatherings around campfires, quiet time in these units will begin at 12 AM. As a courtesy to other guests,



please keep overnight noise to a minimum. **Tent camping will be allowed in previously impacted areas within the following units.** Please tread lightly on vegetation, do not block roadways, and **do not build new fire-pits.**

- **Chabanel**
- **Garnier**
- **Raganeau**
- **Brebeuf**
- **Lalemant**
- **Amantacha**
- **Tekakwitha**

Tent Camping: The following tent camping areas are open to all guests. Quiet time and tent location rules are the same as those found above in “General Unit Camping”.

- **Brebeuf Flats** (flat area near Brebeuf shower house)
- **Lakeside** (area near old Lalemant lakeside staff cabin. Tent camping and cabins available)

Other Lodging: Limited space available in the following area. Due to close proximity to full-time staff residences, quiet time rules are the same as those found above in “Families with Children” section. Tent camping is not allowed.

- **BOQ**

St. Noel Conference Center: Bunk space in climate controlled rooms with showers. St. Noel two-room suites have beds for up to 12 people. To maximize occupancy potential, you may be assigned to share a suite with individuals that are not in your group. Do not let this discourage you... We will do our best to assign roommates with whom you will feel comfortable. If exclusive use is desired, a limited number of one room units may be reserved for groups smaller than 6 for a flat fee of \$500 plus \$15 per person for food if desired (three meals). In other words, exclusive use of suites can be arranged for a premium. Please note that **towels and linens will not be available for St. Noel guests. Please bring your own bedding and towels.**

Pets: Don't forget to make arrangements for your pets to stay at home for the weekend! A list of local kennels is available from Camp Ondessonk.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES - As has been the tradition for many years, Ondessonk's present day summer staff members will be working Friends Weekend. This generous support will allow us to offer a wide variety of services, activities, and events.

ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES (schedules distributed at check-in; all activities included in registration fee unless otherwise noted):

- Archery
- Climbing wall
- Swimming (will not close for lunch – Heepwah!)
- Horseback rides (10 years of age and older)
- Boating and canoeing
- Pony rides (for 3 – 9 year olds)
- Handicrafts
- Saturday Night Campfire (skits and songs in Grotto)
- Free Dinner on Sunday evening
- Sunday Night Dance - Live band
- Self Guided tours of the Ondessonk Archives room (St. Noel Basement)
- Sunday Evening Mass
- Dual Zip Line rides: Ride Ondessonk's dual zipline! Two cables are stretched between Old Daniel and the swimming area. 1 ride for \$4; 3 rides for \$10. Tickets available at Trading Post. Wear a swimsuit!

SERVICES (see schedule upon arrival for hours of operation)

- Trading Post (apparel, unit shirts, camping essentials, snacks, ice-cream, beverages, zip-line tickets, etc.)
- Friends Weekend T-Shirts available by pre-order (see registration page)
- Ice sales (1 bag for \$2 or 2 for \$3 / sold in the Trading Post)
- Free firewood (split, seasoned, and delivered - please do not bring your own firewood)
- Meals (with pre-paid meal wristband) served in the New Dining Hall (Saturday Breakfast, Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, and Monday Breakfast)
- Tommy's Café (Sat. & Sun. lunch – Cash only – Burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, etc.)
- Free babysitting (2 – 12 year olds; 8 – 11:30 PM on Sunday evening)
- Sunday Dinner free to all guests

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Please wear a theme related costume to the Sunday evening meal and dance festivities. If you are not into wearing a costume, please wear a Camp Ondessonk T-shirt to show your camp spirit. Mass will be held at 5 pm in the Chapel. You've got to eat, so bring your cooler and join us for a free meal in Le Coeur / Old Dining Hall area at 6:30 pm. Dru Kee, Ondessonk's Food Service Director, will provide food. Live music begins at 8:30 pm. **Again, please remember to show your camp spirit by wearing an Ondessonk T-shirt or a costume related to the theme.**

DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

If you leave before Monday and you would like your luggage hauled to the parking lot, please place your belongings on the road next to your unit before 6:00 PM and your luggage will then be delivered to the parking lot side of the covered bridge. After 6:30 AM on Monday, you may drive your vehicle to your unit to load up. Thanks for taking care of Camp – many hands make light work!

QUESTIONS? Email sue.clancy@ondessonk.com THANK YOU!



Friends Weekend 2019 Registration Form

PLEASE NOTE:

- **A REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH INVITED GUEST.** The family member(s) and/or the **ONE** guest sponsored by each invitee must be listed on this form. Those not meeting the requirements necessary of invited guests cannot register for Friends Weekend (see cover page for invite list information).
- **ALL GUESTS MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.**
- **ALL GUESTS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.**
- **ALL GUESTS OVER THE AGE OF 18 MUST COMPLETE THE WAIVER FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.**

INVITED GUEST INFORMATION

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____
STREET ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
DATE OF BIRTH ___/___/___ ESTIMATED TIME AND DATE OF ARRIVAL _____
HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ CELL _____ - _____ - _____ WORK _____ - _____ - _____
REG/VEGGIE DIET? _____ FOOD ALLERGIES _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CAMP ONDESSONK

(Please list your calendar years of involvement. For example, 1978 - 1982)

FORMER CAMPER _____ FORMER STAFF _____
VOLUNTEER _____ DONOR _____

ATTENDING FAMILY MEMBERS OF INVITED GUEST (WITH HOME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE)

(Please list your immediate family members that will be attending – spouses, children, or parents only. Print two pages if additional space is needed)

1. NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ DOB ___/___/___ REG/VEGGIE DIET? FOOD ALLERGIES _____
2. NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ DOB ___/___/___ REG/VEGGIE DIET? FOOD ALLERGIES _____
3. NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ DOB ___/___/___ REG/VEGGIE DIET? FOOD ALLERGIES _____
4. NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ DOB ___/___/___ REG/VEGGIE DIET? FOOD ALLERGIES _____

ATTENDING FAMILY MEMBERS OF INVITED GUEST (WITH DIFFERENT HOME ADDRESS)

(If applicable, please list attending immediate family members with addresses different from yours – children and parents only)

1. NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____ DOB ___/___/___
STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
EMAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____ REG/VEGGIE DIET? FOOD ALLERGIES _____
2. NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____ DOB ___/___/___ MEALS Y / N
STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
EMAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____ REG/VEGGIE DIET? FOOD ALLERGIES _____

SPONSORED GUEST OF INVITED GUEST

(If applicable, please list the one non-family member you are sponsoring)

1. NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____ DOB ___/___/___ MEALS Y / N
STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
EMAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____ REG/VEGGIE DIET? FOOD ALLERGIES _____

LODGING PREFERENCE

(Please list your first, second, and third choices. We'll do our best to honor your request but make no guarantees. Quiet time begins at 10 pm in Daniel, Lalande, Goupil, Fournie Village, and the BOQ.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

FRIEND PREFERENCE

(Please list friends that you'd like assigned to the same housing area as you. We'll do our best to honor your preferences but make no guarantees.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



FRIENDS WEEKEND PRICING

(Choose from packages with or without meals, as well as those priced for families.

Use the following table to determine which is best for you and your family / sponsored guest)

- Meal packages include Saturday Breakfast & Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, and Monday Continental Breakfast. **Lunches at Tommy's Café are not included in pricing (lunches are extra).**
- Kids 0 – 5 stay and eat free.
- **Sunday Dinner is free for all guests (whether you choose a meal plan or not).**
- All reservations / lodging assignments are processed in the order received... First come, first served.

Unit / Tent Camping without Meals (Sunday dinner is free for all guests)	Unit / Tent Camping with Meals (Three meals + Sunday dinner - see above)	Unit / Tent Special Family Rate (3 meals + Sunday dinner - see above)
Adult 16 + () x \$50 = _____ Youth 6 – 15 () x \$30 = _____ Total = _____	Adult 16 + () x \$65 = _____ Youth 6 – 15 () x \$42.50 = _____ Total = _____	\$170 for a family of four + \$25 for each additional person over 6 years of age. \$170 + () x \$25 = _____
St. Noel Lodging without Meals (Sunday dinner is free for all guests)	St. Noel Lodging with Meals (Three meals + Sunday dinner - see above)	St. Noel Special Family Rate (3 meals + Sunday dinner - see above)
Adult 16 + () x \$75 = _____ Youth 6 – 15 () x \$50 = _____ Total = _____	Adult 16 + () x \$90 = _____ Youth 6 – 15 () x \$62.50 = _____ Total = _____	\$250 for a family of four + \$30 for each additional person over 6 years of age. \$250 + () x \$30 = _____
Pricing for Special Circumstances and 2019 Friends Weekend T-Shirts		
Private Lodging in St. Noel for Groups of Six or Fewer = \$500 + (# of guests with meals _____ x \$15) = _____)		
Sunday Evening Meal and Dance Only = \$15 (# of guests _____ x \$15 = _____)		
Sunday Lodging = \$12 per person for unit camping (# of guests _____ x \$12 = _____)		
2019 Friends Weekend T-Shirt = (# of shirts X \$20 = _____) Indicate # of each size below.		
Shirt orders received after 5 pm on Thursday, 8/23 cannot be fulfilled.		
Youth S ___ / YM ___ / YL ___ / Adult Small ___ / AS ___ / AM ___ / AL ___ / AXL ___ / AXXL ___ / AXXXL ___		

PAYMENT

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	Sum of above selections = \$ _____		
METHOD OF PAYMENT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discovery		
NAME ON CARD:	_____		
CARD NUMBER:	_____ - _____ - _____ - _____		
BILLING STREET ADDRESS:	_____		
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	_____		
EXPIRATION:	____/____/____	3 DIGIT SECURITY CODE:	SIGNATURE: _____

WAIVER OF CLAIM – FRIENDS WEEKEND, AUG. 29 – SEPT. 2, 2019

In consideration of the benefits derived, I expressly waive any and all claims against Camp Ondessonk-Catholic Youth Camp, the Diocese of Belleville, or its staff, volunteers, and representative on account of accident, sickness, injury, or other damage that may be incurred to me or my property in connection with an incident at this camp. All participants 18 years of age or older must sign and date below (please print extra copies of this page for groups containing more than five 18 or older guests. I have read and agree to all Friends Weekend policies.

Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__	Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__
Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__	Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__
Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__	Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__
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FINALIZE REGISTRATION BY MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL TO REGISTRATION @ONDESSONK.COM OF COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT. REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 4 PM. ALL GUESTS MUST PRE-REGISTER. WE DON'T WANT TO TURN ANYONE AWAY, BUT WILL DO SO IF NECESSARY. THANK YOU!

Camp Ondessonk Friends Weekend, 3760 Ondessonk Road, Ozark, IL 62972

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