



**Camp Unleashed Blue Ridge 2022
Camp Timberlake Marion, NC**

**General Information about Camp Unleashed
October 13 – 16, 2022**

Thank you for taking the time to read through this document. This information was assembled so that you will have the best experience possible while you and your dog are campers at Camp Unleashed. Please print a copy and bring it with you to camp to refer to.

About our Host Camp – Camp Timberlake

Camp Timberlake's 220 acres adjoin thousands more of protected wilderness rising to meet Mount Mitchell, the highest peak on the East Coast. Our buildings are rustic by design, working hard to strike a balance that allows their campers to develop a sense of adventure in a safe environment. Cabins have indoor facilities, are spacious and include power outlets.

When to arrive – Thursday October 13, 2022

All Campers Please arrive between 9 AM and 12 Noon for check in.

If you know in advance that you are going to arrive after 12:00PM on Thursday, please call Amy at 941-224-1701.

Camp Timberlake

707 Dink Cannon Road
Marion, GA 28752

<http://www.camptimberlake.com>

Check in Process

The check in process will be held over several stations to allow for distance, safety and comfort for the dogs. Staff will be available to help direct you as you arrive at camp. We are happy to answer any and all questions! Please let us know if you need help with anything.

Location 1 – Main Entrance for Camp Timberlake

Camp Unleashed staff will greet you and you will receive your goody bag, name tag, programming schedule and sign our camp waiver. Once finished at this station, you will be directed to the location of Caitlin for a meet and greet.

Location 2 – Meet the Behavior Staff

At this station, your dog will be interacting with several staff dogs under the supervision of Caitlin and another member of the Camp Unleashed staff. This gives us the opportunity to meet you and also meet (or reintroduce) your dog(s). The pups will be able to stretch their legs after the drive and start sniffing the grounds. Please be keep your dog on leash, but also keep good distance between you and other campers. There will be plenty of time for the dogs to meet and make friends; it is best for them to meet off leash, so check in is not the right time.

Once your dog has had time to stretch legs and sniff a bit, you will be given the camp map showing your assigned housing. Please drive SLOWLY on the camp roads to the location near your housing and unload all your belongings. Once your car is unloaded, it will be parked in the staff parking area. All cars must be parked at the staff parking for the duration of camp. This is for safety of our dogs and campers.

Cabins and Single Rooms

Doors do not lock so if you must bring valuables with you and you are concerned about their safety, please lock them in your car. Please pack a flashlight and/or a lantern for moving around camp at night. The nights can be cool in the mountains in mid October.

See separate document for the packing list.

You will also need to bring a lighted dog collar for your dog at night. You may also wish to bring a folding chair to use in your cabin as the furnishings are minimal. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow or sheets and blankets (queen size to be safe).

For your dog, please bring a crate or Ex pen to give them space during rest time. You are welcome to bring a crate and use it in your room if your dog likes it. The dogs are fed in their cabin/room by you at whatever time you choose (no dogs allowed in or tied outside the Dining Hall during meals please). If you use a crate at home, it is important to bring it with you to camp.

The first day of Camp Unleashed has no mandatory scheduled activities; we want you to spend time wandering around the new camp and relaxing in nature with your dog. We also give you plenty of time to unpack and get your room organized.

Lunch on Thursday will be served in the Dining Hall at 12:30PM. No dogs are allowed inside the Dining Hall so please leave them in your cabins. Please do not tie dogs up outside the Dining Hall as this causes them stress. You can choose to take your lunch with you back to your cabin or enjoy your meal in the Dining Hall.

Access to Refrigeration for Dog Food

You are welcome to bring your own cooler for your cabin or single if you'd like; however, we cannot provide ice for coolers. There is a refrigerator available for use centrally located at the Big House. Please securely seal your food and label it clearly.

Meals

Meals for the humans are nutritious, delicious, abundant, and well-balanced. Vegetarian options are available to those who notify us in advance; however, we are unable to accommodate specific dietary needs.

After the first day, meals are served at 8:00AM, 12:00PM and 6:15PM in the Dining Hall.

Anyone with a food allergy should have informed us during registration. If you have any concerns during camp, please ask Amy or Windy to take you into the kitchen to talk with the staff.

Please do not speak with Camp Timberlake staff without a Camp Unleashed staff member present.

Bark O Lounge

We always have snacks and canned beverages available, and hot coffee and tea are always available in the Dining Hall. Please pack a travel mug for coffee (or tea) to go!

You are free to bring your own snacks and keep them in your room, but please be sure to keep

all food you bring in solid container that dogs cannot get to.

Cellular and WiFi

Cell phone coverage is rather spotty and WiFi access is limited only to the Dining Hall and the Big House. We will share the password when we get to camp.

Camp Timberlake is a NON smoking facility

Smoking is prohibited on camp property at all times.

Tick Prevention:

Although ticks are a fact of life in the country, we are fortunate to have fewer issues with them in the areas around camp. Nevertheless, to protect your dog against the potential for contracting Lyme disease, we strongly recommend that you employ some form of tick prevention before coming to Camp Unleashed. Please consult with your veterinarian about the different tick prevention products that are available.

The Camp Unleashed Experience

For most of camp, your dog is free to be off leash as long as she/he responds to your voice recall, does not have problems with other dogs, and does not run away.

When walking in the area of Barn Hunt and Agility, please leash your dog. We know they want to join the fun, but need to protect the safety of everyone at camp.

In certain workshops and training areas, we may ask for you to keep your dog on leash in order to limit distractions.

Your dog should be responsive to basic requests: at least “come” when called, “sit”, and “leave it” or “off” so you can get control of your dog if necessary. Please prepare for camp by following the suggestions in the attachment “When Camp Calls”.

You are responsible for your dog’s behavior at all times.

While it is not mandatory to have your dog off leash, our focus at camp is to offer the dogs as natural and free and environment as possible and one that is also safe. If your dog is leashed, please be aware that mixing on-leash and off-leash dogs can cause stress in the leashed dogs which may lead to aggression. If you are hiking with a leash, please stay toward the rear to avoid getting tangled up by other people or dogs.

If at any time, a Camp Unleashed staff member asks you to leash your dog, you must do so immediately.

To be comfortable while participating in water classes or canoeing, please bring sturdy water shoes. Also bring a flotation vest for your dog if you own one (put your name on it please). Camp does have several flotation vests for dogs, but we would appreciate it if you can bring your own.

It also a good idea to purchase a waterproof pouch for your cell phone or watch.

To get the most benefit from camp, we recommend that you use the next few weeks to practice your recall. Please see the “Recall Practice” for positive training techniques you can use to practice your recall. For insight into how the off-leash experience creates a more genuine sense of partnership with your dog, you will enjoy reading “The Joy and Partnership of Unleashed” by Susan Asceti as originally published in the Whole Dog Journal.

TIP: Bring along a small squeaky toy that your dog reacts to and that you can carry with you; it’s useful if you need to get their attention quickly or distract them momentarily.

Visitors

We do not allow visitors for safety and other reasons. If you have a special circumstance, please let us know in advance and we will make appropriate arrangements.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol on Camp property by adult participants is limited; we have special permission to serve wine at our Welcome Reception and in the Bark O Lounge in the evenings. Violators may be asked to leave the property.

Equipment

We ask that no one use the class equipment except under the direction of our instructors.

Waterfront

Dogs are welcome to be in the lakes at any time, however, humans are not to be in the water or on the docks unless there is a lifeguard present.

Emergency Contact during Camp Unleashed:

If your family is unable to reach you during camp and it is an emergency, please have them contact the Camp Unleashed Director: **Eileen Brown 860-208-5036**

Questions?

Please contact the team at campunleashedllc@gmail.com for further assistance.