



## **2022 Camp Unleashed Important Information**

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 Camp**

Camp takes place at Camp in Poyntelle, Pennsylvania, in the beautiful foothills of the Poconos Mountains. The 400 acre camp is located in northeastern Pennsylvania and includes access to a private lake. Cabins have indoor facilities, are spacious and include power outlets.

### **When to Arrive** – Friday September 2, 2022

All Campers Please arrive between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM for check in.

Camp Westmont Address:  
81 Spruce Lake Road  
Poyntelle, PA

See separate document for driving directions.

### **Check In Process**

The check in process will be held over several stations to allow for distance and comfort for the dogs. Staff will be available to help direct you as you arrive at camp.

### **Location 1 – Entrance Road**

Staff will greet you at the main entrance. You will receive a packet of information, your name tag, housing information and goodie bag.

### **Location 2 – Meet the Behavior Team**

At this station, your dog will be interacting with several other dogs under the supervision of the Behavior Team members and other Camp Unleashed staff. This gives the staff 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.

### **Location 3 – Just past the Parking Area**

A staff member will greet you and direct you to your housing location. Please drive slowly and be on the lookout for pedestrians and dogs wandering around camp. You will be directed to the staging area to unload your belongings.

### **Location 4 – Staging Area for Unloading**

All belongings are dropped off and we will help you move your items to your cabin. No vehicles are allowed direct access into the cabin areas please. If you have any items that need to be stored at the waterfront, please let us know! We will bring these down to the waterfront for you. They need to be separated from all items going into your cabin.

Once your car is unloaded, it will be parked in the main parking area. There is a one way road circling the camp property back to the parking area. Follow the arrows around the camp road. All cars must be parked at the main 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 Poconos in early September. 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. This is extremely important for all cabins; the two halves of the cabins share a bathroom and the dogs will visit each other unless the doorway into the bathroom is blocked off.

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 cabins/rooms are large enough so that dogs sharing a room or cabin can be at separate ends with a lot of space between them. Some people also bring baby gates or arrange the furniture in such a way as to block access to dogs when they are alone in the cabin. Generally the dogs are so tired by all the stimulus camp provides they take naps whenever they are left alone.

### **Access to Refrigeration**

You are welcome to bring your own cooler for your cabin or single if you'd like. There are two refrigerators available for use centrally located at the Canteen and in a staff cabin on the girls' side. 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. Meals are served at 8:15AM, 12:30PM and 6:15PM in the Dining Hall. Dogs must be secured in cabins during meals.

We always have snacks and canned beverages available in the Canteen, and hot coffee and tea are always available in the Dining Hall. 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.

### **Telephone and Internet**

Cell phone coverage is rather spotty and WiFi access is limited only to the Dining Hall.

### **Tick Prevention**

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. Consult with your veterinarian about the different tick prevention products available.

### **The 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. However, in indoor workshops and certain training areas, we 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. You are responsible for your dog 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 you keep your dog on leash, please be aware that mixing on-leash and off-leash dogs can cause stress in the leashed dogs which may lead to aggression. Also 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 if you have them. 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 "When Camp Calls" 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.

### **Dog Health**

Should your dog contract an infectious disease such as Parvo right before camp, please do NOT bring that dog to Camp. If you provide a veterinarian's note, we will refund your payment less a \$25 processing fee and the deposit.

### **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 strictly 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.

### **More Questions?**

Please visit the FAQs on the Camp Unleashed web site [www.campunleashed.com](http://www.campunleashed.com) or

contact [campunleashedllc@gmail.com](mailto:campunleashedllc@gmail.com) for further assistance.