



Dear Registered Camper & Parents,

I am excited about the upcoming summer programs. I am also excited that you are going to be with us for "Switchback20". It is going to be an amazing 20 days. This year may prove to be the most exciting year we have ever hosted. This letter is to confirm your registration and to inform you of a few important details.

Please pay careful attention to the "What to Bring" form included with this letter. Our staff has carefully considered and recommended the items listed. This program is non-traditional and requires unique equipment and gear. Please do your best to bring each of the items listed. If you have any specific questions, please contact us. As a reminder, you will be doing a lot of hiking during your 20 days of adventure, including a 30-mile trek on week 3. We recommend that your shoes be broken in to avoid blistering.

On the first day of camp, all campers will check in at a remote (off camp) location. Check-in will be at the Aplin Church in Gay, WV. Directions are listed below. Registration begins on Monday, June 27th, at 1:00 pm. Please note that all campers in this program will be subject to a bag search. Checkout will be at the same location on Saturday, July 16th. Your checkout process includes a Parent/Camper picnic and Graduation Ceremony. The picnic and ceremony is from 11:30am-2:30pm and is casual dress.

After registration, you will be assigned to a team, and be introduced to your guides. You will then backpack 1 mile to setup your first base-camp and to begin your adventure. The beginning 5 days of your program is blended together with campers from one of our "Teen Survival" programs. During this time you will be learning basic outdoor skills needed for the remaining days. The first 14 nights of your adventure will be spent in our base-camp structures. The remaining 5 days will be spent in tents along the Trail.

We are praying that God will prepare your heart as well as the hearts of the other campers and staff. I am trusting that God will do a great work during this year's Switchback20. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Jason J. Perlak
Camp Director

Directions:

Take I-77 to exit 132 (Fairplain – Ripley).
Turn east at the end of the ramp.
Take your first right (Cedar Lakes Road.).
Follow Cedar Lakes Road. 1 mile to the top of the hill.
Take a sharp right on to Statts Mill Road (County RD 36). (easy to pass)
Drive 12.5 miles to the Aplin Church on left.

Travel Time:

30 minutes east of Ripley or Fairplain, WV
1 hour, 10 minutes north of Charleston, WV

Address to Check-in Parking Lot:

4357 Aplin Ridge Rd.
Gay, WV 25244