



## Tilikum: Center for Retreats and Outdoor Ministries

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Dear Parents,

In a few short weeks, your child will arrive at Tilikum Center for Retreats, a ministry of George Fox University. We are excited they are coming as we seek to discover “Life at the End of the Oregon Trail” or “Soar into Flight”!

**About Tilikum:** Tilikum ([www.camptilikum.org](http://www.camptilikum.org)) operates as a year-round camp and retreat center, serving all ages of children, youth and adults through innovative programs and rental opportunities. Tilikum’s grounds boast a 15-acre lake, forested walking trails, a restored 100-year old schoolhouse, and a barn complete with friendly animals and hand painted mural. Tilikum’s beautiful, peaceful rural atmosphere, along with knowledgeable, committed class instructors, eagerly awaits your arrival. Tilikum is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) and remains in compliance with its camp operation as it related to program quality and health and safety of campers and staff. For more information, feel free to visit [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

The following information will help you prepare for your child’s week with us.

**Registration:** Registration will take place between **4:00-6:00pm** on Sunday. The official program will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm. The program will conclude with lunch on Friday. Participants should be prepared to enjoy a week of learning, hands-on field trips, along with new adventures and activities. Each day of the program includes some travel on a comfortable shuttle bus or van.

**Location/Transportation:** Grandparents are responsible for arranging transportation for their grandchild and have received detailed information about arriving at Tilikum. If your child will be arriving separate from their grandparents, please call our office ahead of time to make special arrangements.

**Housing:** The Retreat Center is a comfortable remodeled “home” with common lounge areas, dining room, meeting spaces, and billiards, foosball and ping pong available. Most rooms sleep three in all single beds. The third bed is an upper bunk (with safety rail) and each family will have their own private bath. Families of four will have two rooms next door to each other.

**What to Bring:** July in the Pacific Northwest is beautiful, with average temperatures in the upper 70’s, although it’s always good to be prepared for any type of weather, hot or cold. Towels and bed linens are provided.

- ❖ Clothing for a week, including comfortable walking shoes and jacket for cool weather
- ❖ Modest swimsuit and swim towel
- ❖ Camera (optional)
- ❖ Personal shampoo, toiletries, etc.
- ❖ Sunscreen
- ❖ Mosquito repellent
- ❖ Overnight bag for hotel stay (for “Oregon Trail” only)

**What NOT to Bring:**

- ❖ Knives or pocket knives
- ❖ Gameboys, personal games, and electronic devices.

**Amenities:** Laundry facilities and soap are provided free of charge. A phone is available in the retreat center, but a credit card or calling card is necessary in order to make long distance calls.

**Meals:** Tilikum's dining room is presided over by cooks who truly enjoy cooking and serving our guests. Menus are planned to meet each group's needs. We can accommodate special diets **if we know about them ahead of time**. Please indicate special diet needs on the enclosed health form.

**Contact Information for Family and Friends:**

**Address:**

Guest Name  
Tilikum Retreat Center  
15321 NE North Valley Rd  
Newberg, Oregon 97132

**Telephone:**

Day: (503) 538-2763 – Tilikum Office  
**Emergencies Only**  
Pager: Evenings/Weekends  
(503) 238-2626

To help prepare for your arrival, please return the following forms in the enclosed envelope 2 weeks prior to your visit:

- ❖ **Health/Emergency:** Be sure to complete both sides and sign where requested.
- ❖ **Getting to Know You**

The entire Tilikum staff is looking forward to meeting your child and hopes this Exploritas experience is memorable and rewarding. If you have any additional questions, please call me at (503) 538-2763 or email me at [csteele@georgefox.edu](mailto:csteele@georgefox.edu).

Sincerely,

Chris Steele  
Tilikum Road Scholar Coordinator