

May 2018



Dear Parents of Boys Resident Campers,

Hello, my name is Dan Turkovich and I am the Boys' Resident Camp Director for Heinz House Camp. At age eleven, my first year at Heinz House Camp, I fell in love with camp and cannot imagine a summer without it in my life. During my fifteen years at Heinz House Camp, I have learned what it takes to become a leader and have met many people that will be close friends for years to come. I have worn many different hats during my time at camp. I started as a camper and as I grew older, I became a C.I.T., Counselor, Assistant Camp Director, and finally the Camp Director. This year, I am really looking forward to my eighth (wow..I'm getting old ☺) year as the Camp Director and I have many great, fun ideas in store for you!

My experiences and time at Heinz House Camp have sparked an interest and a love of working with children. In 2010, I graduated from Slippery Rock University with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. After working in the Public School System for two years, I had the opportunity to take a larger role at Sarah Heinz House and being a former member, I jumped on the opportunity to work at the place that helped shape me into the man I am today.

This past year was my second as the Senior Program Director which runs our Boys' Club/Life Skills program and oversees all the programs of Sarah Heinz House. Just like my position entails during the program year, I strive to teach the boys how to become productive men in society. This continues each year at camp as we teach the boys healthy choices, physical fitness, independence, and teamwork.

I hope that you and your son are as excited as I am for this upcoming summer at Heinz House Camp! I am deeply committed to Heinz House Camp as well as Sarah Heinz House. As Camp Director, I and the staff will work hard to make camp the best place for the boys to Laugh, Learn, and Lead. I thank you for the opportunity to work with your child and I look forward to meeting and speaking with you at the **Parent and Camper Meeting on Monday, June 11th at 6 PM.** The campers will be able to pick their tent-mates and meet their counselors and the parents will be able to listen and discuss Camp with my Assistant Camp Director and I. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions/concerns before then, please do not hesitate to email me at [Turkovich@sarahheinzhouse.com](mailto:Turkovich@sarahheinzhouse.com) or call 412-231-2377.

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**PLEASE RETURN THE SUMMER FOOD APPLICATION ON OR  
BEFORE JUNE 1, 2018**

The summer food application is enclosed with this letter:

**1. Summer Food Application (ALL CAMPERS)**

The Summer Food Application is required for **ALL** campers. Each year, we participate in the Summer Food Program which ensures that all of our campers receive a daily, balanced diet while away at Resident Camp. By completing the form, we are able to determine if you son qualifies for this program.

**THE FORMS BELOW SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ONLINE AS  
PART OF REGISTRATION AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS  
MAILING**

**1. Camper Confidential (ALL CAMPERS)**

This forms provides additional information from parents about your child, so staff at Heinz House Camp can better serve him while he is away from home.

**2. Ropes Course Permission Slip (ALL CAMPERS)**

The Ropes Course Permission Slip **must be completed for each camper** that is attending Resident Camp. At Resident Camp, the campers can participate in our Low and High Ropes Course. Campers are able to build leadership and teamwork skills as they complete our Low Ropes Course, which challenges the camper to complete an element that sits only one foot of the ground. The High Ropes Course challenges our campers to face their fears and build confidence as they complete elements that are forty feet off the ground, with the use of a harness. As the parent/guardian, you must complete the form and specify if you give or not give permission for your son to participate in the program.

**3. Paintball Permission (AGE 12 AND OLDER)**

On our 110-acre campus, our older campers have the opportunity to participate in our Paintball Program. Before any camper goes to the course, they are instructed on how to safely use the equipment so they do not hurt themselves or their peers. This program is strictly optional and is only offered to our campers that are 12 years and older.

Also included in this mailing is the **Boys Resident Camp Handbook**. The Handbook outlines all of our policies, procedures, and important dates to remember in regards to Boys Resident Camp only. If you have any questions or concerns with anything in the Handbook, please contact me at [Turkovich@sarahheinzhouse.com](mailto:Turkovich@sarahheinzhouse.com) or at 412-231-2377.

Sincerely,

*Dan Turkovich*

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Camp Director

