



Camper Guide

Stronghold Summer Camps
2011

Stronghold
1922 IL Rt. 2 N
PO Box 199
Oregon, IL 61061

WELCOME!



We have received your registration for Stronghold Summer Camps and are excited to welcome you as a camper this summer. Thanks for making Stronghold a part of your summer plans this year.

Registration for your camp begins promptly at 9:30 am on Monday in the lobby of Brubaker Dining Center. Please try to arrive at Stronghold as close to 9:30 am as possible to move the registration process along. Your family can pick you up at 4:00pm. The exception, of course, is the optional overnight stay with us on Thursday. On that evening we will be sleeping out in God's wonderful gift called nature.

Day Adventure Camp ends with a special campfire program for the parents at 4:00 pm on Friday. Your family is requested to attend the campfire. You will be dismissed immediately afterward.

Feel free to call or e-mail if you have questions. Our number is (815) 732-6111, or my e-mail is ryan@strongholdcenter.org.

Thank you again for your registration and we're looking forward to seeing you at Camp!

- Ryan Anderson, Summer Camps Director

Getting to camp: 1922 IL Rt. 2 N, Oregon, IL 61061

From IL Route 64:

Take IL-Rt 64 until you arrive at the junction of IL Route 64 and IL Route 2 (also called 4th St) in the town of Oregon, IL (this will be a stoplight) . Travel north for approximately 2 miles. The Stronghold entrance will be on the left hand side of the road. Follow the road up the hill to Brubaker Center.

From IL Route 2 South:

Travel north on IL-Rt 2 to Oregon, IL. At the junction of IL Route 2 and IL Route 64 (this will be a stoplight) continue north for approximately 2 miles. The Stronghold entrance will be on the left hand side of the road. Follow the road up the hill to Brubaker Center.

From IL Route 2 North: (Rt.2 closed between Byron and Oregon)

Take IL-Rt 2 to Byron, IL. At the junction of IL Route 2 and IL Route 72 (also called Union St.) turn left onto Union St. Cross over the bridge and turn right on River Road (at the Stop sign). Follow River Rd to IL Route 64 and turn right. Cross the bridge and turn right onto IL Rt 2 (also called 4th St) in the town of Oregon, IL (this will be a stoplight). Travel north for approximately 2 miles. The Stronghold entrance will be on the left hand side of the road. Follow the road up the hill to Brubaker Center.



Info for parents:

Please do not send pictures of family with your camper. This only enhances homesickness rather than prevent it.

Please do send mail, email or faxes, understanding that your child will not be able to respond in the same manner. [Campers LOVE getting mail from home.](#) Please address your mail to:

Camper's Name
Campers Group
Stronghold Summer Camps
PO Box 199
Oregon, IL 61061

If you would like to email your camper, the address is summercampinfo@strongholdcenter.org. Be sure to include your camper's name and camp group in the "subject" line. You can also send faxes to 815-732-7325. **Please, just one email or fax per day per camper.**

All mail, e-mail, and faxes will be given out during meal times (8:30, 12:30, 6:00). Please note that staff prints email and gathers faxes, so privacy is not guaranteed.

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Beyond emergencies, campers are not allowed to use the telephones at camp. However, if your child has a concern and wants to call home, a staff member will be certain to call home to check in with the campers parents. If you wish to call me to check on your child's progress or would like to get in touch with me, please do. If there are problems (i.e. Illness, homesickness, behavior, etc.) the nurse or myself will be in touch with you to discuss the situation.

We understand that kids might miss their pets while at camp, however we ask that you please do not bring pet for registration or closing.

WHAT TO BRING, AND NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

*** A good rule is: If you can't afford to lose it don't bring it to camp! ***

- Casual Clothing**
- Rain Gear** (especially a rain jacket or poncho)
- Swimsuit**
- Towel**
- Walking shoes** or **Hiking boots** or **good walking sandals** with backs- [No Flip-Flops or sandals without backs](#)
- Insect repellent** (OFF Towlettes work well as they help to prevent over use)
- Water bottle** with your name on it
- Sun-block**
- Backpack or book bag** (to carry the items needed daily)
- Camera** (optional)
- Bible**
- Notebook and writing tools**
- Any **prescription medication** you may need (this will be administered by the nurse. Please make sure you have enough for the whole time you are here)
- If you wish, **money** for the gift shop. Please note Stronghold cannot hold money and is not responsible for lost money.

For optional overnight

- Sleeping bag**
- Pillow**
- Toiletries**
- Long sleeved shirt** for cool evenings and to protect against mosquitoes
- Long pants** – for cool evenings and to protect against mosquitoes
- Sweats/jacket**
- Flashlight**
- Stuffed Animal you can't sleep without**

Please do not bring

Cell phones or pagers
iPods/CD players/radios/gameboys/PSPs
Expensive jewelry or clothing
Food or candy (it attracts animals and insects to your stuff)
Alcohol, Tobacco or Drugs (unless prescription, see above)
Firearms and fireworks
Pocket knives
Bad Attitudes