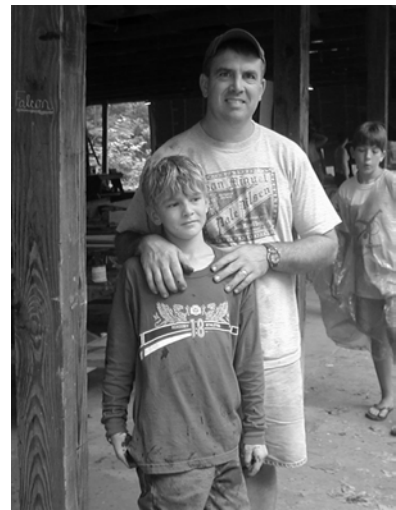




*AT FALCON, GOOD THINGS
HAPPEN BY DESIGN*



**2006
Parent
Handbook**



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Dear Parents,

Welcome and thank you for choosing Falcon Camp for your child's summer camp experience! Overnight camp can be one of the most important experiences in a young person's life. Your child will meet new friends, learn life skills, live with peers, acquire new activity skills, and develop fair, values-based social skills. They will also learn acceptance and appreciation of all people while interacting and living with children and staff from diverse backgrounds. But most of all, they will have FUN!

We have designed this handbook to help you prepare your child for camp and to answer a wide range of frequently asked questions. Please take the time to read this book and become familiar with camp. We have also attached all of your important forms to the appendix. Please complete the enclosed forms with detailed, accurate information and return them to Falcon.

Your encouragement will be most important in supporting our efforts to provide your child with a memorable and enjoyable camping experience.

Dave Devey	Emily Devey	Nici Mahen	Phil Consolo
Camp Director	Assistant Director	Assistant Director	Program Director

How do I prepare my child for camp?

Parents and first time campers experience a wide range of feelings as the first day of camp approaches. Along with the excitement and anticipation of all the wonderful new experiences ahead, there may also be anxiety about these new, unfamiliar experiences. The following suggestions for first time campers will help you and your child make the most of this important transition.

- 1. Come to Open House.** We have Open House scheduled for May 28th from 1-4 PM. This is a great time to become familiar with the camp setting, program areas, and some of the camp staff. Call the office to schedule a personal tour if the Open House is not convenient for you.
- 2. Contact a camper from your unit.** Some of our first time campers like to make an early start on all of the new friends they will meet at Falcon. Please contact camp with the name, gender and age of your future camper. We will be happy to send you a phone number, address, or email addresses of campers who attend Falcon during the same session.
- 3. Pack for camp together.** When campers help pack for camp, they know what they are bringing to camp and where everything is packed. Packing also makes you child feel responsible and capable; a feeling they will experience a lot at Falcon. This is also a great time to talk about all of the wonderful opportunities ahead.
- 4. Pack pre-addressed and stamped envelopes in a ziplock bag** for your campers to send letters home. Discuss possible topics and encourage them to write to you.
- 5. On Opening Day, keep goodbyes short.** The transition from home to camp can be awkward and the sooner the campers can jump into camp life the easier the transition. Letting the campers help unpack and make their own bed is an important step in developing confidence in their ability to care for themselves. Frequently, parents feel guilty about leaving so quickly but our experience shows that short and sweet goodbyes

are the easiest on everyone. Use positive messages about camp such as, “You’re going to have such a great time!” or “What a great opportunity to meet new friends!” Our highly qualified staff is trained to ease your child into the group with games, camper buddies and much more.

How does Falcon train quality camp staff?

A major part of a good camp experience is the quality of the staff. Our year round staff includes a director, 2 assistant directors and a program director with more than 100 years of combined camping experience. Dave Devey started as a camper at Falcon in 1964 and became the director/owner in 1984. He is a board member of the American Camp Association Ohio Section and is an ACA associate visitor to accredit camps. Dave volunteers much time in the off season educating parents on the value of a camping experience, doing public relations work with various media outlets on how to choose the right camp and the importance of the ACA accreditation program, and mentoring younger camp directors from across the state. Assistant Director Emily Devey currently teaches preschool at Temple Emanu El, after years of teaching Physical Education and Health in the Cleveland area Catholic schools. Emily is a former camper and staff member from several camps before joining Falcon in 1990. Her riding experience started about the time she could walk and reached a level of showing in national events. Her teaching ability and knowledge of horses has enabled her to create one of the most respected camp riding programs anywhere. Emily is also an ACA visitor to accredit camps and a clinic instructor with the Horsemanship Safety Association. Dave and Emily are parents of two children as well as camp directors. Assistant Director Nici Buzza Mahen began her career at Falcon as a camper in 1985. Nici, and her husband Jay, recently relocated to Avon, Connecticut. After spending five years as an award winning third grade teacher in Charlotte, NC Nici is teaching 4th grade and tutoring. Her teaching skills and staff experience in a variety of program areas has helped her create the staff training week prior to the beginning of camp. Program Director Phil Consolo began as a camper at Falcon in 1992. He is experienced in a variety of program areas, having worked in almost all areas of camp including being the Waterfront Director. Phil is a graduate of Kenyon College, an American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor, Water Safety Instructor, First Aid/CPR Instructor and an EMT. Phil is also an ACA associate visitor to accredit camps.

Quality training is a critical factor for creating excellent staff; Falcon starts with a thorough interview and screening process to hire potential staff members. Falcon Camp has always hired staff that provide leadership in the cabin and program areas. Staff members are carefully selected for their character, commitment to youth development, and skills. Also, each summer, international students from around the world serve as counselors to help broaden the camper’s experience. There is an overall ratio of one staff member to every four campers in the living areas. All campers are under the supervision of camp staff 24 hours a day.

Staff training week allows us to teach the kind of role models we expect our staff to be, to refine their teaching skills in activity areas as well as participate in scenarios to deal with the issues facing campers today. Certification in First Aid/CPR is offered and the staff handbook is covered front to back so that staff are well versed in the expectations of running an excellent camp. Most of our staff are former Falcon campers, helping carry tradition and continuity to our program. Falcon staff members have an average of 5 years of experience at Falcon, both as a camper and staff member. For our returning staff, camp is not just a summer job; it is a part of who they are.

Our entire staff is dedicated to ensuring that every camper and staff member feels a part of Falcon family. Please review the following information with your child. We will do the same with our staff and campers the first day of camp.

How can you help our staff be successful?

- 1. Tell your child to seek out a staff member they trust if they ever feel sad, frustrated, or excluded.** We think we are pro-active, but we are even better problem solvers when children can express themselves to us.
- 2. Please be specific and honest about your camper on the application.** Prior knowledge about your child helps us to be sensitive to his/her needs, particularly to the initial adjustment at camp. This is especially true for campers who have had a significant life experience in the past year. Children often use their behavior rather than words to tell us how they feel. Having accurate information about your camper and your concerns helps

us to understand the message in his/her actions. This private information will only be shared with the administration and the camp nurse. We use it to give direction to our head staff and counselors who are responsible for your child. Our commitment and policy is to use such information only to help your child adjust to camp.

- 3. Provide Falcon with feedback through letters, phone calls, and the end of the season survey.** We value all of your feedback and use your comments and concerns to help us grow into an even better place.

How do I contact Camp?

We are always available to answer any questions you may have regarding camp policies, procedures, registration, billing, etc. Please contact us in one of the following ways:

Summer Address:

(May 15 – September 15)
4251 Delta Rd SW
Carrollton, OH 44615
(330)627-4269
Fax(330)627-2220

Winter Address:

(September 15 – May 15)
22232 Rye Rd.
Shaker Heights, OH 44122
(216)991-2489 (800)837-CAMP
Fax(216)991-4908

Email: FalconCampOffice@aol.com and FalconHorseCamp@aol.com

Website: www.falconcamp.com

The First Few Days at Camp

While many campers easily make the transition from home to camp, homesickness is a natural feeling experienced by some campers. We train our staff to be aware of each camper's emotional adjustment. Your child's counselor will help the camper talk about any concerns or fears they may experience and help them get involved in camp activities. Experience shows that within the first several days of camp most campers are busy having fun and feeling secure with their counselors, new friends and the outdoor environment. Please do not be alarmed if you receive a "homesick letter" the first few days they are at camp. By the time you receive the letter, your child will have further adjusted to the camp and is likely to be having a great time. If, however, you receive a second letter that causes concern, please call the camp office and they will personally handle the matter.

As a parent, here are some tips to help you support your child through this transition.

- 1. Letters, postcards and email are the primary methods of communication with your camper.** Write letters with reassuring notes to help ease the adjustment into camp life. Ask about some of the positive camp experiences so far. Campers love getting mail and it is a special feeling to get a handwritten note from mom or dad.
- 2. Camper-to-parent phone calls are not allowed, and parent-to-camper calls are strongly discouraged, especially in cases of homesickness.** We will notify you in the event of a challenging situation. It may be difficult for parents to accept, but our experience teaches us that phone calls create more homesickness than they solve.
- 3. Avoid promises to come pick them up if it doesn't go well.** We realize that even though this separation is hard on you too, it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to build confidence and a sense of self-reliance. Children should, and can, learn to overcome seemingly difficult situations. Falcon strongly believes we can prepare

children to make tough decisions on their own within the safe and supportive environment of our camp.

Before Camp

As you prepare for a great summer at Falcon, take some time to read over a few more policies and procedures we use to keep your child safe and happy at camp.

Payment of Camp Fees

A deposit of \$500.00 per two week session for Traditional Camp must accompany your application. A deposit of \$200.00 per week for Horse Camp must accompany your application. A deposit of \$200.00 per week for Young Adventure Camp must accompany your application. Deposit fee will be applied to the total tuition. Balance of the tuition is due May 1, 2006. After May 1, a full tuition must accompany application. Please make all checks payable to **FALCON CAMP**.

Refund of deposit (minus \$25 office fee) and all payments will be made for cancellation before May 1, 2006. After May 1, the full deposit is non-refundable although the balance of the tuition paid is refundable up until two weeks prior to the camper's arrival. There is no tuition adjustment for late arrivals or early departures, except with a physician's written verification of injury or physical illness. All campers are expected to follow camp rules and policies. There will be no refund for dismissal due to behavioral, emotional, or psychological situations that are disruptive to the camp program or harmful to the camper. Possession of alcohol, illegal drugs or weapons will result in immediate removal from camp with no refund.

Spending Account

An additional \$25.00 per two weeks will be added to the total cost of tuition for your child's spending account. This money will be used at a camp store. Camp store is opened about three times per week where campers purchase candy, soda, toiletries, and small toys. This money will also be used on special field trips such as the county fair or a horse show.

Any money that is not spent during camp will be returned in an envelope to your child at breakfast on closing day. An envelope with red writing notes the child has overspent his/her account for the two weeks. This amount can be paid to the office before departure.

Extra cash is not needed and cannot be used on the camp grounds. Falcon Camp takes no responsibility for extra cash brought to camp.

Cabin Assignments or Cabin-Mate Requests

A camper's cabin group is very important to both the camper and the parents. We know that the success of the camping experience can be directly related to cabin groupings. At Falcon, we make every effort to group campers based on the information provided in the application. As a general rule, we place campers in cabins by grade. Within this grade category, we also take age into consideration. Note any special requests for cabin groupings on the camp application. Requests for cabin-mates must be mutual and **may only include two requested bunk-mates**. All requests will be reviewed and given serious consideration. **However, the final determination of all cabin groups rests with the camp director.**

Transportation

As always, parents are encouraged to drive their own children to camp so you can meet the counselors and feel comfortable with Falcon. This is especially important for first time camper families. But if traveling to camp is not feasible, Falcon does provide a transportation service from Cleveland, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. There is a limit of 7 campers and a minimum of 3 campers for each trip. Reservations are on a first received basis and must be accompanied by payment. Since our deposit with the van rental agency is non-refundable, refunds for cancellation will be made only if there is another camper to take your place. If you are placed on a waiting list you will be contacted three days prior to departure date to inform you if there is room for your child. If transportation is needed, please locate the application in the forms section of the handbook.

Health History and Examination Forms

1. The American Camp Association requires a medical form complete with a physician's signature for all campers. This form must be completed and signed by the parent and the report of physical examination signed by the physician. Your physician should indicate on this form any special medical attention or medication needed at camp. The Falcon doctors and nurses will follow these instructions while your child attends camp. A registered nurse is on duty at camp and campers have access to his/her services as needed. If in doubt, an expert will be consulted.

2. Parent/Guardian Authorization- Consent to Treatment

On the Health History and Examination Form, please pay careful attention to the boxes on the front page. Your signature will give us permission to treat your child for any necessary medical care while at camp. Falcon Camp is approximately 15-20 minutes away from the Mercy and Aultman Urgent Care centers and 50 minutes away from Mercy and Aultman hospitals. Please note that if your child becomes ill, injured or needs medical or dental care requiring a doctor's attention outside of camp, we will make every effort to contact you by phone beforehand. If the situation does not require an ambulance, the child will travel in a camp vehicle with a camp staff member. The staff member will remain with the camper and accompany him/her back to camp. The hospital and/or Camp Administration will keep in contact with the parent/guardian during the time the camper is in the hospital. **The hospital will directly bill the parent/guardian or medical insurance for any charges.**

*****Please make sure to photocopy the front and back of your insurance card and attach it to the medical form. This will help us provide care for your child's needs quickly and effectively.**

3. Medications

All medications (including vitamins) will be turned into the nurse on Opening Day check in. These medications will be kept under lock and key in the infirmary. The medications will be dispensed at mealtimes and bedtime throughout the summer. If your child takes a medication that requires a different time, please talk to the nurse during check in so we can make arrangements to meet your child's medical needs.

We stock routine medications such as Tylenol, Benedryl, Hydrocortisone Cream, etc. If you child needs any of these items, he/she can request it from the infirmary.

Should your child require a new prescription medication at camp, the camp doctor or nurse will call to advise you of the illness and the medication prescribed. The information provided on your insurance cards will be submitted to the pharmacy at this time. If we do not have any prescription information at this time, the cost of the prescription will be billed to the child's spending account. Falcon Camp does not submit medication costs for prescription drugs to insurance companies.

Clothing

Campers and staff dress informally at Falcon. Your child will be very active in an outdoor setting so we suggest clothes and shoes that he/she would wear for play at home. **All clothing, shoes, and personal belongings should be marked with your camper's full name in either a permanent marking pen, name tape, or a rubber stamp with permanent ink.** These labels will help the camper keep his/her belongings organized in the cabin and assist the counselors on final packing. Bikinis, cut off T-shirt tops, and bare feet are not suitable at camp. Clothing that reveals underwear, bras, and midriffs are also not suitable for camp. Falcon Camp prohibits clothing with lewd or suggestive language, negative political messages, references to alcohol or drugs, or clothing that is too revealing. As role models, Falcon staff practice the same dress code.

Please review the notes on the Falcon clothing and equipment list. Falcon Camp can not be responsible for lost or damaged personal items. We ask that you leave expensive or irreplaceable sentimental items at home. Cell phones for campers are not permitted and will be returned home at camper expense.

We look forward to spending a healthy and exciting summer with all of you and leave part of the rest of the world behind.

*****Please see the packing list (insert in the parent handbook) for a complete list of items needed at camp. Our cabins are large enough to hold all campers and staff comfortably, providing everyone brings a reasonable amount of stuff. When you have finished packing with your camper, attach this list to the inside of the trunk to help with final day packing.**

Camp Dress

Campers and staff will wear camp dress each Sunday and on special out of camp trips such as the county fair or horse show. We recommend each camper has two Falcon Camp shirts for these special events. Camp shirts and other Falcon clothing items can be ordered using the clothing order form located in the forms section of this handbook.

Laundry

Laundry is done once a week for all campers. Linens will be done as well as clothes at this time. Please make sure to label your camper's laundry bag as well as the clothes inside.

Lost and Found

Falcon Camp cannot and does not assume liability for the loss or damage of any items brought to camp. Please mark all of your belongings since items can get lost during our busy camp activities. We return lost and found items regularly during each camp session. After camp, we will attempt to identify clothing and personal items left behind if the names appear clearly on these items.

At Camp

Now that you are all packed and ready for an exciting summer at Falcon, let's talk about what to expect when you arrive.

The Camp Road

Falcon is very proud of the rustic atmosphere we provide for all of our campers and staff. It gives your child the unique opportunity to enjoy nature in a relatively untouched setting. But this setting is not conducive to the busy city traveling many of us experience in our everyday lives. **Please take your time when traveling on our camp road.** Cars will be moving in and out so be aware of oncoming traffic and the weather conditions that affect our dirt road. Thank you for your patience and **DRIVE SLOWLY!**

Arrival

All campers and parents should plan to arrive between 1:00-4:00 PM on Sunday. This gives Falcon enough time to put the final touches on camp and get a healthy lunch before the new session begins. After driving carefully down the camp road, you will be greeted by two staff members in front of the office. The staff will share the cabin assignment of your camper and help you proceed to the lodge for an infirmary check-in and The Falcon Store.

1. Report to the Health Center. The entrance is located on the rear of the dining hall. All campers must check in with the camp nurse. All medications and medical forms should be turned in at this time. Please give the nurse any medical forms that were not mailed to camp. (Don't forget to have it signed by your doctor.) If your child has medications to be taken at Falcon, note this on the medical form and **GIVE ALL MEDICATIONS TO THE NURSE.** **Campers will not be admitted into camp without completed medical forms.**

Parents: Check your child's health. If there is possible illness, consult your doctor and delay arrival a few days if necessary.

2. The Falcon Store helps you buy any last minute clothing or novelties as well as pick up your clothing order. Be certain that your clothing order is complete and that all the sizes are correct. Exchanges can be made at this time. Please remember to mark new clothing **after** exchanges are made. Horse Lover campers will receive their T-shirt in the cabin. Everything in the Falcon Store can be paid for by cash, check, or credit card. You can also settle any unpaid portions of your bill with the staff in the store.

3. Locate your cabin, meet your counselors and cabin mates, and choose a bunk. All of the staff in each unit will help unload luggage and introduce you to the campers and counselors in your cabin. If you are a new family, you are welcome to tour camp.

4. Campers should send their parents home, find a friend and explore camp. Your counselor will let you know when your unit is going to the waterfront for your swim test. Horse Lover campers will be reporting to the stables for a riding test to determine group level.

Daily Schedule

This is a typical day at Falcon for your camper.

7:00	Horse Care (optional)
7:45 a.m.	First Bell/ Rise & Shine
8:00	Second Bell/ Announcements
8:15	Breakfast
9:00	First Activity Period
10:30	Second Activity Period
12:00 p.m.	First Bell
12:15	Second Bell/ Announcements
12:30	Lunch
1:00	Rest Hour
2:00	Third Activity Period
3:30	Fourth Activity Period
5:00	First Bell
5:15	Second Bell/ Announcements
6:15	Horse, Camp & Boat Care
6:45	Evening Activity
8:00	Snack
9:00	Jr. Campers in Cabins
9:30	Jr. Campers Lights Out Sr. Campers in Cabins
10:00	Sr. Campers Lights Out

The Four Activity Periods

ART: Archery
Riflery
Tennis

H₂O: Swimming
Sailing
Canoeing
Fishing

D/A: Drama
Athletics

WRC: Woodlore
Riding
Crafts



Both parents and campers understand that Falcon Camp takes reasonable precautions to insure that programs and activities at Falcon Camp are supervised by quality personnel in a safe and responsible manner. However, parents and campers understand that these activities involve certain risks and include, but are not limited to, horseback riding, ropes course, water sports, land sports, archery, riflery, canoeing, sailing, rock climbing, or hiking. Parents and campers recognize these risks and agree to assume these risks by attending or allowing the camper to attend Falcon Camp and participate in these programs.

Food

With Joan Balasz back for her 9th year as head cook, and cook Shirley returning for her 3rd summer, Falcon campers and staff are very fortunate. Joan and her hard working staff prepare plenty of wholesome, well-prepared food for each camper. Camp meals include daily breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening snack. Each meal is served family style where campers eat as a cabin with the staff members. If a camper does not like the main selection of today's meal, he/she is more than welcome to go to the salad bar. For breakfast, the salad bar will be full of fresh fruit, yogurt, and cereals. The lunch and dinner salad bar contains lots of vegetables, small meal options, and peanut butter with jelly. If your child has any special dietary needs, please note them on the medical form.

Mail and Email

As Falcon is a traditional overnight camp, we encourage all campers to communicate with family and friends by writing letters. Many parents anxiously await the first letter home as campers wait for the first letter at camp. To assist in the prompt delivery of your mail, please address each letter as follows:

Camper's Name and Cabin #
c/o Falcon Camp
4251 Delta Rd SW
Carrollton, OH 44615

All email to campers must go through the eCamp.net. In the forms section of this packet, you will find an email registration form complete with a password that will direct you to an email package of your choice. You are welcome to send inquiries and questions to the office. Our office e-mail address is FalconCampOffice@aol.com. Any camper e-mails sent to FalconCampOffice@aol.com will not be forwarded to the camper.

Falcon also uses the eCamp website to post pictures and articles of current events at camp. The photos are updated approximately twice a week and can be downloaded from the website. Professional copies all of these photographs are available to purchase through eCamp.net.

It is understood by parents and campers that any photographs, videos, and quotes will be taken at camp and may be used by Falcon Camp and the American Camp Association for art, advertising and promotional materials. If you have an objection to this, you must do so in writing before your child attends. Camper rosters are printed at the conclusion of the summer so families interested in the next session will have the opportunity to speak with experienced camp families about what Falcon is like. If you have an objection to this, you must do so in writing by the end of the summer.

Packages

Campers anxiously await "care packages" from home while they enjoy their experiences at Falcon. Sometimes nothing tastes better than cookies that mom baked while she was thinking of you. However, food in the cabin can also present difficulties for your child and their cabin mates. An overabundance of snacks, dealing with the need to share equally and "misplaced candy" are all problems that can be easily avoided.

We know you love your children and like to show it. Write often! If you want to send a package, consider something like the SWAK or Wrinkled Egg idea included in this mailing. While we don't endorse any particular product, companies like this have received good reactions from many parents and campers. You can also use your own imagination! If you do plan on sending food we ask that you observe the following rules:

- * No cans or glass containers.
- * Packages should contain no more than what your child and their cabinmates can consume in ONE snacktime.
- * Campers will be expected to share equally with each member of their cabin.

Please know that we serve good food and plenty of it. Despite what your children may write you... we have no rule saying that you must send a care package, that you must send several care packages, that every living relative they have ever met should send a care package, etc.! You are welcome to call us with any questions. Your good judgment and observance of these rules will make life in the cabin smoother and easier for every camper.

Telephone Calls

The camp telephone number is 330-627-4269. Use the telephone ONLY for special occasions, birthdays, or emergencies. It can be a disappointment to boys, girls, or a team if someone must be gone from activities to answer an unexpected call. Please do not ask your camper to call home. **Campers are not permitted to call from camp.** When calls from parents are needed, plan for meal times at 8:15, 12:30, or 5:30. **With our remote location, cell phones do not work and campers are not permitted to have them at camp.**

Birthdays

Every child celebrating a birthday at camp will receive recognition from the entire camp and a birthday cake to share with his/her cabin-mates at evening snack. The kitchen staff will also decorate his/her table with decorations for the special day.

Visitor's Day

Visitor's Day is scheduled for four week campers on July 1st and July 29th from 11:30AM-3:00PM. Parents are invited to eat lunch at camp and enjoy most of our typical day activities. The waterfront will be open (weather permitting) so make sure to bring your swimsuit.

Overnights

Weather permitting; every camper experiences the adventure of an overnight campout on Falcon property. Cabin groups cook dinner over the fire, sleep out under the stars, and enjoy an evening campfire. It is helpful if each camper has a sleeping bag for the overnight.

Off-Site Trips

Campers have the opportunity to experience some field trips while at Falcon. Most trips are one day in length. The three main field trips campers can attend are the Carroll County Fair, the Merrill Lynch Horse Show, and Mohican Wilderness. All campers will attend the Carroll County Fair to play amusement park games and enjoy the rides. The Merrill Lynch Horse Show is a special field trip for campers with a genuine interest in horses. Finally, Mohican Wilderness

is a special field trip for our four week senior campers. These campers will spend two days and one night tubing, biking, and relaxing on Mohican Wilderness's campgrounds.

Camp dress is required for these field trips and Falcon will provide money to the campers on all of these trips through the spending account. Extra money will not be necessary. **In conjunction with our camp visitor's policy, we ask parents to not visit campers on these field trips.**

Awards and Highflyers

At the end of each two week period, Falcon hosts an Awards Night for our departing campers. Campers attend the activity periods listed in the typical day schedule to earn awards in all areas of camp. Each activity has different award levels to meet the needs of age and ability. All activities are planned and taught by competent and talented instructors. Each four weeks, Falcon announces the Highflyer award. The Highflyer is the highest award given at camp for up to three campers in each unit. Make sure to look at your child's awards and the Highflyer board before you leave Falcon.

Departure Procedures

Parents should plan to arrive at Falcon between 9:30-11:30 on Closing Day. Campers will be given any left over medication and spending account envelopes at breakfast. Don't forget to make one final check of the cabin, dry lines and crafts for any finished projects. Please contact the camp director if you have any questions or concerns about departure times.

Falcon Scholarship Opportunities

Each year, several campers attend Falcon through a scholarship fund. The Richard Miles Decker Memorial Scholarship Funds were founded soon after cancer ended Rich's life in 1983. It was established by the Decker Family because of their belief that Rich Decker's experiences at Falcon Camp as a camper in the 1960's and then as a staff member in the early 1970's contributed in a meaningful and important way to his growth and development as a person.

The specific purpose of this scholarship program is to provide the Falcon experience to children who would most benefit from their time at Falcon Camp – but who may lack the tuition necessary to attend. The scholarship program is administered by a board of trustees all of whom are former Falcon campers or staff members. The Decker Funds are used only to provide a specific summer program for one or more campers. Monies are not used for new equipment or daily camp operations.

The program has been granted "tax exempt" status by the IRS as a 501(c) (3) corporation, and because all administrative and mailing expenses are paid by the trustees, **100% of contributions go directly to the endowment and to benefit children sponsored by the scholarships.**

Tipping

The staff at Falcon Camp are dedicated counselors who treat each camper in an equal and fair manner. To ensure this policy continues, **monetary tipping is not permitted at Falcon Camp.** Gifts in the counselor's name may be made to the Decker Scholarship fund. We give recognition to the staff who are honored in this way. You are welcome to inquire at any time about making donations to the Decker funds.

Forms And Checklists

Directions to Falcon

Falcon Camp is located on Leesville Lake outside of Carrollton, Ohio. Camp is approximately 1 hour south of Canton, north of New Philadelphia and east of Steubenville.

NOTE: Online map services do not give convenient directions to camp. Please use the directions provided below. If you do have questions do not hesitate to contact us.

From Cleveland/Akron:

1. I-77S to Canton. Exit Rt. 30E
2. Continue on Rt. 30E and exit at Rt. 43SE (approx. 1.5 miles)
3. Take Rt. 43SE to Carrollton.
4. Go south on Rt. 332 for 5 miles.
5. Right turn on Country Rd. 19 (Autumn Rd.) Landmark – Large FFA Camp Muskingum Sign.
6. Continue on Autumn Rd. for about 4 miles (past Palermo) and turn right on Delta Rd.
7. Continue on Delta Rd for 2 miles, the road dead ends into Camp.
8. Drive slowly and carefully on camp road, it is a gravel road.

From Columbus and west:

1. I-70E to I-77N.
2. Exit I-77N on Rt. 39E near New Philadelphia.
3. Take Rt. 39E to Carrollton and follow directions 4-8 from Cleveland.

From Pittsburgh and east:

1. From Parkway west (I-279) exit on Rt. 22/30W. Take Rt. 22W past Weirton and Steubenville.
2. Exit Rt. 22W on Rt. 151NW. Go through Jewett and Scio.
3. 1 mile past Scio turn right on Rt. 332 N for approx. 8 miles.
4. Turn left on County Rd. 19 (Autumn Rd.). This is a very sharp turn.
5. Follow directions 5-8 from Cleveland.

Questions on directions? Call camp at (330)627-4269. The directions are also available at www.falconcamp.com.

If you are traveling from Columbus and want more adventurous/faster directions feel free to call.

Register Now!

Hello Falcon Camp Parents,
We'd like you to register NOW for an exciting Internet program we're offering in conjunction with eCamp®, an outstanding camp-based technology firm. This program provides a wide-range of services and tools including online photos, newsletters, one-way email and more.



eCamp®

Package 1
15 email credits
\$12.95

Package 2
19 email credits
\$15.95

Package 3
25 email credits
\$19.95

Best Value

Free registration with no package is available, however this does not include email credits.

Universal service fees applies to package purchases.

Camp Photos and News

- Password protected for your security
- Stay informed with newsletters from camp
- Save your photos to personal photo albums
- Purchase photo prints and gift items
- Sign up friends and family as invited guests

Camp web address:

<http://www.falconcamp.com>

Camp code:

falcon2006

One-Way email Service

- Email credits can be used to send an email, add stationery or other fun features.
- Unique email addresses are created for each camper
- Your email messages are printed & delivered during traditional mail-call each day
- Send email from the camp web site or from your registered private email account

Register Now

1. Go to the Camp web address. Click on the Not Registered? link in the See Photos, Read News, Send E-mail login box
2. Go to the 'New User Registration' section.
3. Follow the instructions to register your camper(s) and family.
4. Packages will be offered for email credits, a credit card is needed.

To Contact your Camp, please call: 330.627.4269

To Contact eCamp, please call: 860.921.5375 or <http://falcon.ecamp.net/cs.php>

FALCON CAMP 2005 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

FROM COLUMBUS: A van will load in the front parking lot of Columbus School for Girls at 11:00 A.M. on opening days. On closing days, campers will arrive at CSG at 1:00. Columbus School for Girls is located at 56 S. Columbia Ave in Bexley.

FROM PITTSBURGH: A van will load at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church at 10:00 A.M. on opening days. On closing days campers will return at noon. Mt. Pisgah is located two blocks from the Parkway Center exit of the Parkway West. Turn left at the light and make the very first right onto Warriors Rd. for one block.

FROM CLEVELAND: A van will load in the parking lot of Shaker Middle School at 10:00 A.M. on opening days. On closing days, campers will return at noon. Shaker Middle School is located at the corner of Warrensville and Shaker Blvd.'s.

Before you drop off your camper for the van, please go over the following safety rules with him/her. All passengers should remain seated with hands and arms inside the vehicle. Seat belts should be fastened at all times with one person per seat belt. Noise level should be such as to not distract the driver. There should be no throwing of objects or other disruptive behavior. Passengers should enter and exit the vehicle under the direction of a staff member. If the vehicle makes an emergency stop, passengers should follow the directions of the staff member.

*****IF YOUR CHILD IS FLYING TO FALCON, PLAN ON FLYING TO THE PITTSBURGH AIRPORT. YOU MUST CONTACT US BEFORE YOU FINALIZE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE SURE WE CAN MEET YOUR CHILD UPON ARRIVAL.** Because the airport is 1 1/2 hrs from Falcon and we have campers flying from all over the world, it is extremely important that we coordinate arrival and departure times.

Please send completed form and payment to Falcon Camp after May 15: 4251 Delta Rd SW., Carrollton, OH 44615.

Make check payable to Falcon Camp separate from tuition payments. Thanks!

Questions-call 330/627-4269.

CAMPER NAME: _____

Cleveland to Camp \$50.00	Pittsburgh to Camp \$50.00	Columbus to Camp \$55.00
Camp to Cleveland \$50.00	Camp to Pittsburgh \$50.00	Camp to Columbus \$55.00
Round trip \$90.00	Round trip \$90.00	Round trip \$100.00

Circle one of the above choices and check dates below. Transportation will be available:

To camp on Sunday: June 18	_____	From camp on Saturday: July 1	_____
July 2	_____	July 15	_____
July 16	_____	July 29	_____
July 30	_____	August 12	_____

There is a limit of 7 campers and a minimum of 3 campers for each trip. Reservations are on a first received basis and must be accompanied by payment. Since our deposit with the van rental agency is non-refundable, refunds for cancellation will be made only if there is another camper to take your place. If you are placed on a waiting list you will be contacted three days prior to departure date to inform you if there is room for your child.

Falcon Clothing Descriptions 2006

T-Shirts

Camp Dress- Royal Blue, made of 100% combined cotton with graphic as seen below printed across the chest.

Youth M L Adult S M L XL \$15.00

Sweatshirt Hooded

Sweatshirt- 8oz hooded sweatshirt olive green with the new Falcon logo in a cream color on the left breast.

Youth L Adult S M L XL \$28.00

Fleece Jacket

Fleece Jacket – A black fleece jacket with the new Falcon logo embroidered in white on the left breast.

Adult XS S M L XL \$38.00

Large Net Style Laundry Bags

\$10.00

Falcon Camp printed on outside panel with a place to write the camper's name on the front of the bag.

****There will be other various Falcon items not listed on this page available on opening day. ****

Off to Camp Checklist

1. Medical form complete with physician's signature.
(Disregard if the form was sent ahead of time.)
2. Any medications needed at camp.
3. Transportation form filled out and mailed if needed.
4. Clothing form filled out and mailed if needed.
5. Packing list double checked and posted on inside lid of camper's trunk.
6. Camper's name labeled on all clothing and personal belongings.
7. Directions to Falcon if needed.

