

# Transracial Journeys

Exploring race, adoption, and identity in a family setting

## Transracial Journeys Family Camp 2017 Welcome Letter

### Thanks for joining us for Transracial Journeys Family Camp 2017 -- our 5th year!

We are planning three days of educational, recreational, and community building activities for the whole family. In this letter you will find all the details you will need to prepare for camp.

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### Arrival, Check-in, & Departure Information

Check-in will be on **Thursday, Aug. 10th**, from **2:00-5:00 p.m.**, at the main dining lodge. You will receive your room assignment at that time. You will also receive the camp schedule booklet, turn in your medical information forms, and sign up for a camp helper shift. If you are not able to arrive during this time, please let us know as soon as possible. Campers will depart by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, after lunch.

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### Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including **pack-n-play/crib** requests, please let us know by Aug. 1st.

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### What To Bring

Each Person Should Bring:

- Clothing & footwear for warm & cool weather
- Rain gear
- Sleepwear
- Swim suits



- Flashlight
- Toiletries, sunscreen, bug repellent
- Extra swimming towels

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### Optional Items

Camera;  
sunglasses;  
**re-usable water bottles**; lawn games; baseball gloves; tennis rackets; frisbees; laundry supplies; smock or large old t-shirt for painting/crafts; personal medications; reading materials; cards; lawn chairs.

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### Medications & Health Form

You will be responsible for securing and dispensing any medications for yourself or other family members.

**The Family Health Form needs to be filled out in advance and turned in when you check in at camp.**

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### \* Please Leave At Home \*

Alcohol, drugs, pets, bikes, scooters, skateboards, fireworks, knives, firearms, radios, **electronic devices**.

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### Lodging

Each family will be assigned to their own room in either the Guesthouse, the Motel, or a cottage, according to preference and date of registration. All motel/guesthouse rooms have private bathrooms;



cottages have shared bathrooms. All rooms include linens & pillows and are air-conditioned. Rooms are a short walk from all the camp's facilities.

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### Food/Meals

Campers will be well fed throughout their stay. Three meals and snacks will be provided each day, beginning with dinner on Thursday. You are welcome to bring additional food for snacks or special diets, but please label all food. Refrigerators are available in the cottages. You are welcome to enjoy snack food and beverages in the common areas, but please do not take any food into the bedrooms.

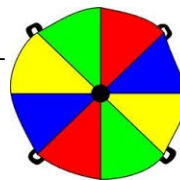
Also, **orange and red drink** is not permitted at Laurelville.

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### Programmed Activities for Children

Children will be in age-based group activities staffed by Transracial Journeys counselors during the mornings and early afternoons. A variety of fun group games, outdoor activities, and arts and crafts will be planned to keep kids actively engaged, including age-appropriate activities relating to issues of adoption, race and identity. Each group will be staffed by two or more adult facilitators/counselors. Early afternoon program options will include tumbling, basketball, hiking, group games, and crafts.

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## Programmed Activities for Adults



Each day during the morning and early afternoon, adult programs will be held in the Meetinghouse.

Informal group discussion opportunities will be available at other times, as announced.

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## Nursery

The nursery is open to children up to 3 years of age, and will be staffed during the programmed times only (mornings and early afternoon).



**Note for those with napping children:** The nursery space is limited, and may not be conducive to naps, though we will have at least one pack-n-play available. If several families want to coordinate/trade nap supervision in rooms, there will be a sign-up sheet at check-in for parents to make their own arrangements.

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## Family Activities

The late afternoon time on Friday and Saturday will be family free time, with a variety of activities for all, including swimming, crafts, sports, and outdoor games. Evenings will also be a time for shared family activities.



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## Silent Auction

On Saturday evening, we will hold a dance and silent auction for the 2018 camp fund. **All families are encouraged to bring an item to donate to the silent auction.**

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## Supervision of Children

Parents are solely responsible for their children during all unprogrammed time. During programmed activity times, parents may occasionally be called if a child is unable to participate in group activities for any reason. Every effort will be made to comfort young children, provide personal attention as needed, and encourage them to participate with the group; however there may be times when a parent will be needed. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

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## Laundry Room

Coin operated washers and dryers are available in the Guesthouse.



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## Phone Calls & WiFi

Cell phone reception at the camp is dependent on location and your mobile carrier, and may be limited.



Phones are located in all common areas of guest buildings, the Office Lobby, Meetinghouse, and Shenandoah (gym). These phones may be used for 800, credit card, local calls and on-grounds calls. The office phone number is 800-839-1021.

WiFi reception is available only in the lobby of the dining lodge.

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## Smoking

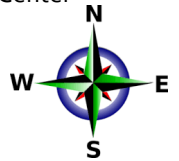
Smoking is not permitted on the Laurelville campus.



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## Directions to Camp

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center  
941 Laurelville Lane  
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666



GPS coordinates:

Latitude: 40°9'9.13" N

Longitude: 79°28'31.54 W

[→ Please note that some GPS devices have the incorrect data for Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. We recommend you use Google Maps or consult the directions provided below.]

## Coming from the West via PA Turnpike

Take **exit 75** off the Pennsylvania Turnpike at New Stanton. Take Rt. 119 South to the Rt. 31 exit. Turn left and follow Rt. 31 East through Mt. Pleasant, to the village of Laurelville at the intersection of Rt. 982. Turn on to Rt. 982 North. The Center is 3/4 mile north of the intersection, 1/4 mile off Rt. 982.

## Coming from the West via I-70

On I-70 E, take **Rt. 119** South to the Rt. 31 exit. Turn left (east) and go through Mt. Pleasant to the village of Laurelville at the intersection of Rt. 982. Turn on to Rt. 982 North (left). The Center is 3/4 mile north of the intersection, 1/4 mile off Rt. 982.

## Coming from the East via PA Turnpike

Take **exit 91** off the Pennsylvania Turnpike at Donegal. Take Rt. 31 West (right turn) to the village of Laurelville. Turn on to Rt. 982 North. The Center is 3/4 mile north of the intersection, 1/4 mile off Rt. 982.

Watch for Laurelville signs off Rt. 982. If you need additional directions, please call 724.423.2056.

If you have any questions prior to camp, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email:

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