

## Pioneer Program Information and Permission Form

The Pioneer Program is an out of camp trip for campers **12 and over** capable of backpacking and canoeing. It consists of a two-day hike along a section of the Appalachian Trail and two days of canoeing on the Delaware River, which includes white water canoeing. Participants sleep and cook outside in rugged campsites.

Counselors experienced in the pioneer program lead the trip. At least one counselor on each trip is certified in Wilderness First Aid or American Red Cross First Aid. One counselor on the canoeing section is certified in Lifeguard Training and Swift Water Rescue. Each trip is carefully planned, and all campers receive special canoe training.

All campers who would like to participate must pass a swimming proficiency test and demonstrate the physical and emotional capabilities needed for the trip. The Pioneer Director chooses those campers he feels can successfully participate in the trip. Most campers who want to participate are able to.

Any camper interested in the Pioneer Program must have their parent's permission and **must** bring the following items to camp:

1. Hiking boots ó Must be well broken in. This is the most important thing to have.
2. Several pairs of thick socks.
3. Sturdy sneakers to be used for canoeing. Sandals or water shoes are not allowed.
4. Poncho
5. Light weight sleeping bag in stuff sack.
6. Framed backpack suitable for camper's size and weight. A backpack may be rented from Camp for a \$40.00 fee.
7. Ground cloth ó poncho can double as a ground cloth.
8. 2 Canteens or water bottles ó you may purchase a Camp Onas Nalgene bottle for \$10

**There is an additional charge of \$126 payable at the end of the camper's stay.**

In order for Camp Onas to plan and prepare for the Pioneer Program, we must have the following information. Parents and Campers: Please carefully read, complete, and sign the permission statements. Return with final payment.

Name of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Session attending \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Requested session for pioneer \_\_\_\_\_ (if staying two sessions, choose one session to pioneer)

*I, (parent's name) \_\_\_\_\_ have read the above description of the pioneer program and give my permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered for the pioneer program, and if chosen, to participate in the pioneer program. I agree to supply my child with all necessary gear or pay the \$40.00 rental fee for a backpack.*

**Signature of parent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*I, (camper's name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to participate in the pioneer program if chosen.*

**Signature of camper** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_