

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCOTT BRUNS

We fully understand the hesitancy you might have in sending your child to an overnight camp in the 21st Century. Elements in today's culture leave us uncertain and, therefore, make such a decision more difficult. We get it and take your concerns seriously. Trusting us with your children is essential to our ministry. We know trust has to be earned, and we make your child's safety a top priority. Parents and guardians are our most important partners. Protecting your child from harm is serious business. Therefore, we will work hard to earn and keep your trust. We believe God has given you the primary role in training the children He has entrusted to you, so be assured, under our care and supervision, your child will have an experience that reflects this. We will not make a promise we cannot keep, but you have our word that every effort will be made to fulfill this guarantee- or we will gladly refund your investment.

OUR MISSION

Scioto Hills Christian Camp and Retreat Center is an arm of the local church in which a Christ-centered program, in an attractive outdoor setting is used to develop the guest spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially in accordance with the Word of God.

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SCIOTO HILLS CHRISTIAN CAMP

OUR
GUARANTEE

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

OUR GUARANTEE TO YOU AND YOUR CAMPER

CLEAN CABINS

Your camper will sleep in a comfortable, clean, and air-conditioned cabin. All restrooms and showers are located in the same cabin or within a very short walking distance. We cannot guarantee your child will not get wet, muddy, sticky, or a little stinky (since this is part of the fun of being outdoors). However, we can guarantee a strong emphasis on hygiene and cleanliness. Time for showers is scheduled daily.

CLOSE SUPERVISION

Members of our trained summer staff will closely supervise your camper from the time they arrive until they depart. The daily schedule is well planned and procedures are in place to insure proper supervision. Upon arrival, you will meet your child's counselor and, if desired, tour your child's sleeping arrangements. A member of our permanent staff will carefully check the identification of any person designated to pick up your child prior to their departure. We also work hard to see that your child returns with all of their belongings.

COMMUNICATION

In the event of an emergency, your camper is always a phone call away. Because of the active nature of camp, we will locate your child's counselor so your call can be returned as soon as possible. It is best to call the office (740-778-3279), and we will gladly deliver a message if a callback is not needed. As a general rule, we prefer campers not bring cell phones. Reception in our hills is extremely limited, and electronic devices can be distracting in a camp setting. If you do send a cell phone, please leave it with the nursing staff upon arrival, and your child may call you from the nurse's station. Campers love to receive mail and/or packages! Through our CamParent Program, you may send emails and purchase packages. You are welcome, of course, to let your camper know you're thinking of them through snail mail as well!

HEALTHY MEALS

Your camper will be served carefully planned, kid-friendly, and nutritious meals. Fruits and vegetables are served daily along with juice and milk. Our "eat all you want" policy guarantees your child won't go hungry. Although the Pop Shop would not be as fun without a variety of sweets, we do offer health-conscious alternatives for those who want them as well.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED SUMMER STAFF

Our entire summer staff is required to successfully complete a rigorous application process including a careful inspection of references, a personal interview, and background check. Once hired and prior to arrival, all staff must complete an intense online child safety course. This culminates with a thorough on-sight training program. Our summer team is not comprised of unknown volunteers who "come and go". They are godly young adults who love kids and believe in the value of a Christian camp experience. In many cases, they have experienced life change at camp themselves.

HOMESICKNESS IS MONITORED

Because of the fun and packed schedule, most campers never experience homesickness, and if they do, it is typically short-lived. However, sometimes campers, struggle. It is our policy to allow our nurse and program staff to handle these cases and often a phone call home makes the difference. We will work with you to determine if a child should be picked up early. The last thing we want is for a child to have a negative experience. Our goal is for them to return to camp when they are ready.

PERMANENT STAFF

Our permanent staff lives at camp year round! As of 2023, they average 13 years experience in Christian ministry at Scioto Hills. A high percentage of our team members hold degrees from Christian universities in fields directly related to children. Our staff is well equipped, experienced, and professional, attending training classes or workshops annually. Required certifications are kept up-to-date. Your camper is in good, godly hands when they attend Scioto Hills.

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Our certified lifeguards are on duty every time campers are at the lake or pool. Deep end tests and cabin checks are conducted in accordance with Red Cross regulations. In addition, our challenge course technicians are trained and certified, and a third party professionally inspects all courses annually. A registered nurse is part of our permanent staff, and the nurse's station is manned 24 hours per day. Our 360 Child Safe Plan was created to protect against the mistreatment of campers and includes a zero tolerance policy for those who choose to violate it.

SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP LEADERS

Our greatest desire is that lives are changed because they have heard a clear presentation of the Gospel and Biblical truth as afforded us through God's Word. Those who speak in chapels or workshops are carefully selected for their ability to not only communicate God's Word effectively but more importantly, for their understanding and proper handling of it. Those selected are in agreement with our statement of faith and understand the importance of allowing the Holy Spirit to work in hearts, knowing the dangers of "emotionalism" or "easy believism" that can happen in the camp setting. We guard against "high-pressured alter calls".

VISUAL REASSURANCE

Our audio-visual team works hard each day to take photos of all the fun we're having at camp. Pictures are posted each morning to your camp account. Parents are given a security code in their confirmation packets to access that section of your account. We work hard to include all campers in these photos but cannot guarantee that your child's smiling face will appear every day.

VOLUNTEERS

Scioto Hills will take advantage of those who love camp and choose to volunteer during summer camp to make a difference "behind the scenes" in our ministry. Be assured each volunteer also completes an application and background check and is supervised by a permanent staff member.