

Dear DiscipleTrek Camper Parent,

We are super excited to have your child here at DiscipleTrek for three amazing weeks at summer camp! DiscipleTrek is designed to give campers the full experience of summer camp with a focus of discovering the relevancy of our beliefs as a Seventh Day Adventist Church by studying the Word of God.

In the check-in email, you will find a link for the basic schedule of the weekday routine of the DiscipleTrek program. Each day we have two scheduled times to do an activity on our campus. We also have two Trek Truth times scheduled each day. It is through these studies that we will learn how the Adventist message applies to our daily lives and how they highlight the beauty of the Gospel.

We believe that a disciple is not only called to seek knowledge, but is called to share that knowledge. Therefore, there is a time scheduled in the program for campers to prepare content (TrekCreate) that they are passionate to share in any way that is within their skillset (poetry, special music, sermonette, spoken word, etc....). We hope to equip campers with the practical skills to share the gospel in the way that God created them to share it. They will have several opportunities throughout the course of the three weeks during our Trekfire evening program, to share what they have been preparing.

Our weekends are also jam-packed with lots of fun! On June 25, we are planning on doing a whitewater rafting trip down the mid-Ocoee river with Cascade Outdoors. Cohutta has partnered with Cascade Outdoors for many summers and we can ensure that campers will be in the hands of professional, trained river guides as they float down the river together. Our professional Cohutta Springs staff will also be with the campers ensuring their safety and wellbeing during the trip.

For scheduling and safety reasons, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp is a closed campus. It will be very difficult to accommodate visitation for these reasons. If there is an emergency or a necessity that would require you to come on campus, please make prior arrangements by calling the camp office.

To ensure that campers have everything they need, there are a couple of extra things that DiscipleTrek campers should bring to have the full experience. Please bring a Bible, journal, and pen, as campers will have scheduled time each morning for personal devotions. Also, because DiscipleTrek campers are on a different schedule from the rest of camp, we allow the campers to bring their phones and they will have time to use their phones for a set period of time each day. Our trained counselors will look after their phones during the day in a specific, labeled box and will allow the campers to access their phones during the scheduled time. Campers will also have access to our laundry services each week and therefore do not need to pack clothes for all three weeks. Campers should bring a good pair of hiking shoes as some of our off-campus weekend trips involve hiking/swimming.

We are excited to be offering this program this summer and can ensure that campers will have an unforgettable experience that not only is a ton of fun, but also empowers them to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Feel free to contact us if you have any further questions. God bless!

Sincerely,

Pastor Jonathan Montes

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp Director