

## Cabin Parent Info & Guidelines

WELCOME! Thank you for serving the Lord with Beloved & Beyond this summer! It is our prayer that you are filled to overflowing with the love of Jesus and love for others. May your short time with us allow you to experience being the “hands & feet of Christ” in new ways. God changes lives at Camp!

### What to bring! (in addition to your luggage)

1. >5 plastic grocery bags (or box of small garbage bags) for soiled camper laundry.
2. Snacks: these are given to each Staff & Buddy every night. They LOVE this!
  - a. 2 large boxes of sweet (individually packaged)
  - b. 2 large boxes of salty (individually packaged)  
(Ideas below!)
  - c. 1 box of laundry detergent Pods, Fragrance Free (OPTIONAL)
3. A **backpack** is very helpful for carrying around your water bottle, schedule, phone, sunscreen, bug spray, hand sanitizer, snacks, etc.

### After you've checked in...

- Find out where the “Welcome” session is going to be at 4:15pm.
- Get settled in your cabin.
- Check to make sure your youth group made it to their cabins and has all their luggage
  
- Volunteer Arrival Day Schedule: (Times are subject to change)  
You will be told where to go for each activity--Please attend!  
4:15-4:45pm-- Welcome in “Big House”  
4:45-5:15pm-- Rule Skits  
5:15-6:10pm-- All Ability Training  
6:15-6:45pm-- Dinner (Sit with other Cabin Parents)  
7:00pm-- Meet with Glen & Laura Elder; location TBA  
8:10-8:30pm-- While Buddies are reading Camper Apps, **Cabin Parents discuss & choose which Cabins they'll be supporting. Don't choose the Cabin that your own child is in. Introduce yourself to your Cabin/s.**  
8:30-9:10pm-- Wrap Up in Big House  
9:15pm-- Staff & Buddies go to Cabins. Cabin Parents can meet together & choose a place to Pray for your cabins, the Elders, the staff, the campers.  
11:30pm-- Lights Out
  
- You will be given a schedule for
  - Camper Arrival Day (the day after your arrival)
  - Regular Activity Days
  - Closing Day
  - Cabin Names/Numbers for all Staff/Buddies and campers

### What does a Cabin Parent do? (in general)

- **Encourage:** Give encouragement to the volunteer Buddies and college Staff. Be a cheerleader! Write encouraging notes to the Staff or Buddies in the cabin you're supporting. Pass out index cards for them to write prayer requests. Note cards are in the office.
- **Model:** Be a Godly example in word and deed.
  
- **Serve:**
  1. Cabin Care Boxes!

- a. Pick up & deliver your cabin's Care Box at the Clinic for your cabins after breakfast on Camper Arrival Day.
  - b. Keep your cabin's Care Box stocked during the week **(list below)**
  - c. Pick up & return your cabin's Care Box to Clinic after lunch on the last day; stock it completely for next term.
2. **Wash/Dry Camper laundry that is soiled** (not sweaty/dirty).
- **WHEN:** before breakfast and after FOB (& anytime in between)– check in with your Cabin Leaders each morning at Rise & Shine (8:15) and start laundry. Wash, dry, fold, return to Cabin before FOB–(“flat on back”/rest time.) Check for more laundry after FOB.
- Get to know the Cabin you choose to support! Don't fade into the background.
  - Go to activities with the Cabin you're supporting when not doing laundry.
  - Be the third person, if needed, to accompany a Buddy & Camper if they need to leave their group for any reason; restroom, during a meal, activity, party, etc.
  - Play well– Wear at least one piece of creative/thematic clothing for each nightly Party. Note: The more people wear fun costumes for the Parties, the more fun it is for the Campers!
  - Run to town for camp supplies, if asked. Glen will provide Camp credit card.
  - Rest when you need to rest. :)
  - Pray and ask God to show you each day how to bless someone at Camp. Bless the admin staff in some way? The Be Krew? The Beyond Team?
  - Pass out snacks to Staff & Buddies each night after Campers go to bed; around 9:30pm, at the beginning of their Devo time.

What does a Cabin Parent **NOT** do?

- Take over leadership of a Cabin or take over the direct care of a Camper.
- Wash dirty, sweaty laundry for anyone at Camp.
- Does not attend Camper Devo or Buddy Devo; your presence may be a distraction or may inhibit someone from opening up to their group.
- Be negative, sarcastic, curse, pull pranks, smoke, etc.
- Talk on your cell phone in front of Campers or Buddies.
- Stalk/follow your own children, esp. if they're a Camper . If you have concerns about them, discreetly check in with their Cabin Leader.
- Sleep in Camper Cabins. Cabin parents have separate lodgings.
- Act like a tourist by wandering around and taking pictures all day; following your own schedule and just being an observer. If you're not sure what to do, just ask!

Camper Arrival Day (the day after your arrival)

- Follow schedule & attend all training sessions leading up to Camper arrival at 3pm.
- Camper Arrival is very special! It's a reminder of how it might be when we enter Heaven! Watch the Camper's faces and better yet, watch their Parent's faces!
- After watching the arrival of several Campers, you have a few options:
  - continue to cheer on the arrivals
  - be aware of where the Camper cabins are and stand at strategic points on the property to direct Parents to their children's cabins (get a property map)
  - greet Parents at the Camper cabins; this is comforting to many Parents.**
- Greet the Campers in the Cabin you'll be supporting.
- Join in with your Campers & Buddies for the rest of the day's schedule.
- Dress up for the Carnival!
- Gather nightly snacks for your Cabin Leaders & Buddies to be given out at the beginning of their Devo Time, around 9:30pm (after Campers go to bed)–but it may be later on this night. Find out where the goodies are kept. Ask if there are any dietary restrictions. Ask Cabin Leaders where they will be having their Devos. (Activity Leaders will stay w/sleeping Campers.)

### Regular Activity Days (be sure to get an Activity Day schedule)

- Use sunscreen and stay hydrated!
- Pray for your Cabin/s; esp. for those Buddies & Campers that may not know Jesus as their Savior and for the Buddies who don't seem to be very engaged with their Camper.
- Meet up with your Cabin for "Rise & Shine" at 8:15am. Check for laundry.
- Cabin Parents usually sit together during meals.
- Have fun watching your Cabin do activities! (in between laundry loads) This is a great way to get to know them.
- Keep an eye out for any Buddies that may be struggling or have a challenging camper. Give an extra word of encouragement and reassurance. Model patience and compassion.
- Rest/relax/run errands during FOB.
- During "Wrap Up" each night, Cabin Parents can sit with their Cabins or wherever comfortable.
- Pass out Staff/Buddy snacks around 9:30pm. each night.
- Cabin Parents can end the day together praying for their Cabins and Camp.

### LAUNDRY Tips

- Find out where the laundry room is located. (Ask Laura)
- Cabin Leaders should put soiled items in a plastic bag for pick up.
- Please rinse out soiled underwear, if needed.
- When on Camp property, use a **Sharpie** to write the Cabin number/name on **Masking Tape** to show which Cabin's laundry is in the washer or dryer. Stick the label, easily seen, on the washing machine and then transfer the tape to the dryer when the load transfers.
- Ask the Cabin Leaders **where** they will place the soiled laundry so that you can find it.

### Cabin Care Boxes (all supplies below can be found in the clinic)

1. Gloves: baggie of 8-10 gloves
2. Body wipes- 1 package
3. Disinfectant wipes- 1 package
4. Lysol spray- 1 can
5. Briefs- 3-5
6. Chux pads (absorbent pads placed under Camper while changing briefs)- 8
7. Garbage bags- 5-10 (plastic grocery bags or small garbage bags)

### Staff/ Buddy Snack Ideas:

Only serve pre-packaged snacks. Ask Cabin Leaders about specific dietary restrictions and ideas for the restricted diets. **Nothing with NUTS/PEANUT BUTTER.**

#### **Sweet Ideas:**

Pop tart bites  
Fruit snacks (Motts)  
Granola/Protein Bars w/NO NUTS  
Rice krispy treats  
Animal crackers  
Smarties candies  
Hershey's mini chocolate bars  
Hershey's kisses  
Trollies (sour candy)  
Sour patch kids

#### **Salty Ideas:**

Cheese Crackers  
Popcorn  
Chex Mix  
Goldfish/Cheeze-Its  
Potato Chips, etc.  
Beef Jerky

#### **Gluten-Free Snacks**

Look for GF label!

