

A photograph of two children wearing orange helmets and safety harnesses, ziplining through a forest. The child in the foreground is wearing a yellow t-shirt and shorts, while the child in the background is wearing a blue t-shirt and shorts. The background is filled with green trees and foliage.

NORTH GEORGIA CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP, INC.

Your guide to Camp!

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IT'S TIME TO Pack!

A black and white photograph of two campers cheering. One camper in the foreground has their arms raised high in the air, wearing a dark t-shirt and shorts. Another camper in the background is also cheering with their arms raised, wearing a light-colored t-shirt and shorts. The background is dark and out of focus.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Comfortable, casual clothing
- Pillow & bedding for twin size bed
- Light hoodie & rain jacket
- A pair of sneakers and a pair of sandals/flip flops
- All necessary toiletries
- Sunscreen & bugspray
- Towels (For shower & pool)
- Swim wear (girls: swimsuit must cover stomach)
- Bible, journal, pen
- Refillable waterbottle
- Flashlight (optional)

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Phone, tablet, any sort of gaming or "smart device," including smart watches
- Food/Snacks
- Medication not reported/given to camp nurse (including OTC)
- Fishing poles/tackle box
- Weapons of all kinds, including small pocket knives
- Vapes, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs of any kind
- Items of value, including sentimental value
- Exorbitant sums of money

Additional Adventure Camp:

- Hammock/Cot/1-2 Person Tent/Sleeping mat. Campers will be sleeping outside! Whatever will make this the most restful.

Additional Art & Photography:

- Clothing okay to get paint on



Arrival Day

5:00 - 6:00 PM

If you arrive earlier than 5pm, you'll need to wait in your car and let the excitement build! Staff will begin registration promptly at 5:00PM. Bring your camper hungry! We'll eat dinner together first thing.

- Follow the signs as you arrive - be prepared to stop! Remain in your car and our registration staff will greet you. They will let your camper know their cabin assignment, confirm payment has been made, and take your camper's temperature. Any campers with a temperature over 99.5 will need to stay home until 24 hours fever free.
- If your camper has medication, please have this up front with you in it's original container. You'll be directed to give it to our camp nurse and confirm all administering details.
- Registration staff will direct you to your camper's cabin where you may park and help them unload - or allow our staff to help your camper get settled in!
- **Say goodbye!** Quick goodbyes are best and allow any potential homesickness to be distracted by meeting cabin-mates and new friends.

Once you've dropped your camper off, feel free to stop in our camp store to:

- Drop off camper mail
- Purchase camp merch to be delivered to your camper
- Treat yourself!

ARRIVAL TIMES & LOCATIONS

Buddy, Beginner, Middler, Teener, Senior, College, Cooking, & Sports Camp:
5:00PM - 6:00PM // Main NGCC Campus

Big Adventure, Adventure Jr., & Art and Photography:
5:00PM - 6:00PM // NGCC Gym

TREK:
10:30AM // NGCC Gym

Musical Theater Camp:
5:00PM - 6:00 PM // Musical Theater Camp will have two check-in locations (Main Campus & Gym). The location for your camper's check-in will be emailed to you a week prior to their arrival.

Day Camp:
8:00AM // NGCC Gym

Main NGCC Campus: 531 Christian Camp Lane Clarkesville, GA

NGCC Gym: 231 Harvest Church Rd, Clarkesville, GA
Right before the camp road. You may park in the parking lot and walk your camper inside!



Departure Day

10:00AM

If you arrive earlier than 10:00AM, you will be expected to wait in your car in line. Early camper pick-up cannot be accommodated on check out days.

- Please have your ID ready! Campers will only be released to those listed under their "Pickup Authorization" list. To make changes to this list, you may login to your [Parent Portal](#) or call the office prior to departure day.
- Our Camp Director will greet you and ask to see your ID. He will confirm you are an authorized pick up and direct you to your camper where you will remain in your car while we load up your camper and their belongings.
- If your camper had medicine, the camp nurse will deliver their medication directly to your car.

If you have received a phone call that your camper would like to get baptized, please arrive no later than 9:00AM. Baptisms will take place at the camp at 9:15AM. If there is a line, simply drive around it and go to the camp pool.

No camper will be baptized without their parents' consent.

No camper will be baptized without their parent in attendance unless otherwise confirmed.

Church vans will leave at 9:45AM. Camper check out will begin promptly at 10:00AM.

DEPARTURE TIMES & LOCATIONS

Buddy:

12:00PM // Main NGCC Campus

Beginner, Middler, Teener, Senior, College, Cooking, & Sports Camp:

10:00AM // Main NGCC Campus

Big Adventure, Adventure Jr., & Art and Photography:

10:00AM // NGCC Gym

TREK:

4:00PM // NGCC Gym

Musical Theater Camp:

5:00 PM // NGCC Gym (This is when doors open for the performance your Musical Theater Camper has worked so hard on!)

Day Camp:

3:00PM // NGCC Gym

Cell Phone Policy

NO CELLPHONES OR DEVICES
ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO CAMP BY
A CAMPER.

Our camp has always existed as a safe place for people of all ages to "get away" or "unplug" from the distractions of everyday, normal life. But the connectivity that accompanies the constant use of cell phones, internet, and smart devices does not allow for that separation to happen.

We understand that sometimes students have special needs that give cause for having a device (i.e., medical reasons like glucose monitoring), but we ask that you will make us aware ahead of time if this is the case.

Please understand that by signing the registration, you are agreeing to these terms and that if you choose to make your camper bring a cellphone or smart device, or if your camper brings a cellphone or smart device on his/her own volition, that upon its discovery it will immediately be confiscated, locked in the camp office, and will not be returned until check-out on the last day of camp. We will not be responsible for lost or damaged cellphones.

Camper Contact

You may call or text the number provided to check in with your child, if need be. Additionally, should your camper want to contact you, they are more than welcome to ask their cabin staff and they will coordinate communication with you!

For Middler, Teener, and Senior Camps: 706-754-4513
Ext. 1 for Main Office, Ext. 3 for Girls Cabins, Ext. 5 for Boys Cabins

For Day Camp: 706-754-4513
Ext. 4 for Day Camp Coordinator

For all other camps: 706-754-4513
Ext. 1 for Main Office

We ask kindly that families limit non-urgent calls and texts during camp hours, as frequent check-ins can unintentionally disrupt the flow of our programming and the campers experience.

Daily Photos

We upload photos daily! Follow along each day and keep an eye out for your camper! If you don't see them immediately, rest assured our photographer is working hard to capture every smiling kiddo!

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NGCC does not allow visitors as the program is usually disrupted. If you need to drop something by, please call the camp office. The camp is not open to the public during summer camp programming.

Canteen & the Camp Store

1 snack and 1 drink are included in every camper's registration costs for each canteen time (twice a day). Students may choose to bring additional spending money should they want to buy additional snacks/drinks, merch from the camp store, or to donate towards missions. The camp store offers camp-branded items such as water bottles, stickers, and t-shirts for sale (ranging in price from \$1 to \$45). The Camp Store will be open during canteen throughout the week, as well as during arrival and departure times. Your camper is responsible for keeping up with any items they purchase from the store.

- Camp Store Credit is available for purchase when/after registering your child. This will allow your camper to purchase items from the camp store without having to keep track of physical money. You can always add camp store credit to your campers account via your Parent Portal. Upon adding store money to your camper's account, you will be able to select to have any remaining balance above \$5 refunded. All other remaining camp store monies will be donated to NGCC's improvements and scholarship funds.

Mail

Mail time is a fun tradition at camp and helps campers stay connected to their families back home! If you would like to send mail to your camper, please address it as follows:

North Georgia Christian Camp
Name of Camper, Camp Session Name (ex: Teener 2)
531 Christian Camp Lane
Clarkesville, GA 30523

Due to how much mail is delivered to campers each week, all mail will be delivered to cabins each morning. If you would like for your campers to have to "earn" their mail, please specify on the outside of the package. Campers will then have to "ride the broom around the room," "do the hula," etc. *This is all-in-fun camp tradition and we certainly won't make any camper do anything nor will we hold their package hostage.* Please also note that we are at the mercy of our local post office for timely delivery. If mail you send happens to arrive after your camper's week of camp, we will forward it to your home address. If you would like to save some money on postage and ensure that your mail gets to your camper on time, you are welcome to drop off mail/packages at the Camp Store on the first day of camp. You can also purchase items at the Camp Store to be delivered to the camper during camp, if you wish!

Swimming

The NGCC pool will always have an appropriate number of American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards on duty.

Campers (middle school aged and below) are only allowed to swim in the deep end if they pass the swim test (without the use of any flotation device) and our lifeguards feel they are a confident swimmer.

DEANS, CAMP COUNSELORS, CABIN-MOMS, CABIN-DADS, AND STAFF...

What's the difference?

Every camp has different language to describe the people who are entrusted with supervising your campers. As such, it may be helpful to familiarize yourself with our language for the awesome men and women who make camp possible. One of the things that makes NGCC so special is the deep connection we have with our Member churches — these “local” churches are non-denominational independent churches who have been approved by NGCC’s board to serve and host camp sessions at NGCC. These churches contribute financially, allowing the camp to maintain affordability while striving to improve our facilities and programming. The mission of the camp has always been “to be an extension of the local church, offering opportunities for people of all ages to learn, grow in their faith in the Lord, and be challenged to serve Him.” It’s our desire that NGCC is both a place where campers connect with God and their peers, and that their experiences foster excitement and growth in the students’ churches as well.

- **Deans** are volunteers from NGCC’s supporting churches, usually senior ministers, youth pastors, or children’s pastors/directors, who are responsible for all of the planning and implementing programming for their camp session. These men and women are selected by the camp director and are typically paired with people from other supporting churches, and together they make sure the camp experience is safe, fun, and that kids are challenged to grow spiritually. Deans are responsible for “staffing” their weeks of camp with known and trusted “camp counselors” (aka cabin-moms/cabin-dads). Deans are prepared with NGCC’s policies in the months leading up to their camp session and answer to the camp director.
- **Camp Counselors** (aka Cabin-Moms/Cabin-Dads) are the volunteers that are entrusted with the direct supervision of your campers while attending NGCC. They stay in cabins with the campers, they lead campers in group discussions, they participate in games and activities with campers, and they serve as an example of how to live a Christ-centered life. We understand the title of “camp counselor” can be a little misleading, as these volunteers are not licensed or professional counselors in the way that our society has become accustomed to assuming when using that word. However, these people are hand-picked by the deans due to their character, exemplary love for Christ, and their close affiliation with the deans (most serve in the ministries of the deans’ churches). All 18+ volunteers are background-checked prior to their approval as a cabin-mom or cabin-dad. In addition to the 2+ “adult” (18+) camp counselors per cabin required by NGCC, deans may also choose to use “junior counselors” to help serve at their weeks of camp (only for middle school and younger-aged camp sessions). These teenagers also most-often serve alongside the deans in their church settings, and are provided with an opportunity to serve students while being supervised by the deans and the adult counselors. Character references are required of all camp counselors, and these volunteers must adhere to a strict code of conduct, answering directly to the deans and camp director.
- **NGCC Staff** is the title we use to denote the men and women who are paid by NGCC to do the behind-the-scenes work that makes camp possible. This includes the camp’s full-time staff in addition to the 10-20 “summer staff” hired by the camp to cook, clean, lifeguard, and run specialized activities like the zip-line, giant swing, rock wall, and ropes course — all of which require special training to operate. NGCC Staff is background-checked, rigorously interviewed prior to being hired, adhere to a strict code of conduct, and answer directly to the camp director.

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see you soon!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL
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