



Bethelwoods

Camp and Conference Center

2017 Parent Guide for Day Camp

What is summer camp at Bethelwoods?

Bethelwoods is located on 157 acres blanketed by an abundance of majestic hardwoods trees. As campers explore this naturally adventurous setting, they will learn to appreciate God's world while experiencing their own growth. Removed from the fast pace of everyday life, campers will simply have fun. The small group atmosphere of camp will encourage the growth of friendships. Led by an experienced counselor throughout their stay, every group of campers will experience all that Bethelwoods has to offer. The presence of God is abundant and integrated into many activities that campers and staff engage in every day. From morning worship to evening campfires, from the lake to the swimming pool, from first time experiences and old traditions camp gives campers the chance to create unforgettable memories while building confidence and character. Through it all, campers will have the opportunity to grow in their relationship with a loving, exciting, and unfailing God.



Bethelwoods is the camp and conference center of Providence and Charleston Atlantic Presbyteries.



What can I expect as a parent?

Bethelwoods Camp desires to provide the best possible experience for all campers, and that begins with our relationship with you, the parent. We want to maintain open communication with you at all times, before your camper's experience begins and throughout their entire stay. You can expect your camper to be taken care of by quality staff who truly care for your camper, facilities that will provide campers a comfortable stay, and great memories that will last a lifetime.

What is camp's contact information?

If you need to contact the staff at camp for any reason, please call the office at 803-366-3277. You may also e-mail Cameron Pruette, Program Coordinator, at cameron@bethelwoods.org

What can I expect for my camper?

Counselors who truly care for every camper in their group, positive outdoor experiences, small group devotions, camp-wide worship experiences, crazy games, new friendships, songs, campfires, new challenges, personal growth opportunities and traditional camp activities. We encourage parents to get to know their camper's counselors on opening day. Our entire staff is committed not only to giving your camper a positive and fun experience, but a safe one where they can learn and grow. We desire for all who come to camp to leave with a greater understanding and appreciation for God, for themselves and for one another.

Monday Mornings

Monday morning check-in will be longer than the rest of the week in order to insure we have all proper paperwork for each camper. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to get everyone checked in to camp. In order to expedite check-in process be sure to make all registration and camp store payments prior to check-in day.

What to Bring to Camp

Camper's will be outdoors for large parts of the day and should bring attire suited for that environment.

Please be sure to put your camper's name on EVERYTHING.

- Hat
- Towels
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Modest Swimsuit
- Tennis shoes
- Water bottle
- Bible
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Change of clothes
- Book bag or tote bag (to carry above items)

No Shows

When a registered camper does not show up for a session, the camp will attempt to contact the parents. There will be no refund of payments.

Cancellations, Refunds, Late Fees

Cancellations may be made at any time. However, refunds will only be issued for cancellations made prior to June 1, 2015. Requests for refunds may be made in writing or by email to Bethelwoods. The \$50 processing fee that is part of the deposit is non-refundable. All payments become non-refundable after June 1st. We are no longer able to offer refunds for any reason after June 1st. Bethelwoods also reserves the right to charge a \$50 late fee for any camper picked up after 5:30pm.

What NOT to Bring

- Weapons of any kind
- Drugs and alcohol
- Expensive electronics
- Cell phones
- iPods, MP3 players
- CD Players, TVs
- Video Games
- Food of any kind
- Cash
- Personal sports equipment

Bethelwoods is not responsible for the damage or theft of any items brought to camp.

Daily Schedule

7:15—8:15	Check-in
8:30—9:15	Breakfast
9:15—9:45	Morning Watch
9:45—10:10	Camp Chores
10:15—11:15	Activity Block 1
11:15—12:15	Activity Block 2
12:30—1:15	Lunch
1:15—1:45	Bible Study
1:45—3:15	Activity Block 3
3:15—4:15	Activity Block 4
4:15—5:00	Activity Block 5
5:00—5:30	Camper Pick Up

Things to Bring for Check-In

- Invoice showing full payment or payment method to pay any remaining balance
- Any prescribed medications in their original containers with proper, original labels to check in with the camp nurse
- Money to place in your camper's store account. We recommend \$15-\$20 for drinks and snacks for the week. You will have the option to spend down the account on Friday evening during checkout or donate any remaining funds to our camp scholarship fund.



Camp Activities

Camp is a place for everyone to try something new, at least once. The bulk of our activities take place outdoors and air on the adventurous side. Our staff encourage all campers to participate in all activities. All Bethelwoods activities, however, are 'Challenge by Choice'. Campers should come to camp with an adventurous attitude, ready and prepared to get dirty and have fun while doing it.

Camp activities include:

- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Slingshots
- Fishing
- Field Sports
- Gaga Ball
- Camp Store
- Environmental Education
- Outdoor Wilderness Living Skills
- Low Ropes Challenge Course
- Play Court Activities
- Small Group Bible Study
- Large Group Worship



Camp Discipline

Acceptable camp behavior will be reviewed with all campers on their first day of camp and all are expected to behave in accordance to these guidelines. Counselors and staff will set the tone in their behavior and speech. If discipline issues arise the counselor will ask the camper to sit out of various activities, and if issues continue they will be dealt with by a Camp Director. If problems persist, the camper may be sent home. Physical altercations will result in immediate dismissal. Only the Camp Director has the authority to send campers home. Campers sent home early for behavioral issues do not warrant a refund of fees.



Food & Meals

Our menu offers a variety of different and delicious well balanced meals, served family style. Vegetarian options are available by request, and we will gladly work with campers with food allergies. We serve all of our meals from Lake Lodge which received a Grade 'A' rating from the South Carolina DHHS. Those meals not served in Lake Lodge will be cooked over campfires under summer staff supervision or will be bag lunches for groups traveling offsite.

Camp Store

The camp store offers a large variety of snacks, drinks, clothing, and memorabilia. Snacks and drinks range in price from \$.50 to \$4. Memorabilia ranges in price from \$1 up to \$12 for a t-shirt. Bethelwoods t-shirts range in price from \$10-\$12. During check-in on Monday and check-out on Friday the Camp Store is open on a cash/check basis only. During the week purchases are made by campers from their store accounts only. You are able to deposit into your camper's account during registration and check-in. You can deposit as little or as much as you would like into your camper's account. We recommend \$15—\$20 for a week of drinks and snacks. Campers will have the opportunity to go to the store at designated times throughout the week. You will have the opportunity to spend any remaining funds during check-out Saturday morning. Campers will not be allowed to have a negative balance during their week.

What if my camper needs medical assistance?

During summer camp, Bethelwoods has a medical professional on site every day. They will be responsible for distributing all campers' prescribed medication through out the week. For any minor issue that may arise the onsite medical center is open 24 hours. For minor issues beyond the scope of our medical center, campers will be taken to Riverview Medical Center. If a serious situation arises the camper will be taken to Piedmont Medical Center. If we think a camper needs medical attention outside the norm, our policy is to contact the parent as soon as possible. If a camper is ill for longer than 12 hours with no indication of getting better, the parent will be notified and the camper will be sent home. Campers sent home for medical reasons do not warrant a refund of fees. However, accommodations will be made to bring the camper back for an additional week if possible. If your camper has any outstanding medical issues please be sure to note them on our medical form. The more we know, the better we can serve your child.



Staff Training

Staff are selected after extensive interviews, background and reference checks have been completed. Only those of the highest moral quality and caliber are chosen. Staff undergo an intensive training before summer begins. This includes counselor skills, program area mastery, outdoor living skills, CPR/First Aid certification, and how to deal with everything from homesickness to intergroup conflict. All lifeguards are Red Cross certified.

Lost and Found

Misplaced items during the week will be placed out for you to look through Friday afternoons. **Please label all of your camper's items with their FIRST and LAST name.** If you return home and realize something is missing, contact us and we will do our best to find it. Items that have been clearly labeled have a much better chance of returning to their owner. At the end of summer all unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charity.