

The following information contains Frequently Asked Questions and information that will help families plan for Summer Camp!

Registration

Registration is between 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Monday morning on the front entrance field (for all camps). Large signs and friendly staff will guide you to a parking spot. Please unload your luggage in the appropriate camp space (signs will designate the programs). Parents or church coordinators are asked to be prepared to patiently wait in the registration line. You will first meet the registrar who will collect the remaining camp balance and give campers their cabin assignment. Next, campers will speak to the camp nurse about any concerns and turn in medicine (please send the original bottles in a plastic baggie with the camper's name). Finally, camper's must deposit money into the camp bank for safe keeping; their money may be accessed any time the Pop Shop is open. Once they are registered, campers and parents may take a hayride to the cabins. Parents are also encouraged to visit the cabin and/or talk with the Executive Director, as well as pick up a general schedule for the week.

Pick Up

Campers may be picked up anytime between 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning (for Alpha, New Frontier, and Revolution programs) and between 1:30-2:30 Wednesday (for Mini Campers). Be sure your camper clearly understands who will be picking him/her up to go home. Also, please be prepared to provide photo ID upon arrival at camp. Parents and family will be greeted by a staff member who will direct you to the Dining Hall where we will verify at least one adult in your party has permission to pick up the camper (which **MUST** be noted on the child's registration form). As you patiently wait for your camper to join you in the Dining Hall, you will have the opportunity to enjoy some of our locally sourced coffee, watch the video from the week (that your camper will be given to take home), and browse our camp store. As you head back towards your vehicle, you will find your child's luggage lined up by cabin.

Early Dismissals

At registration, the camp must be given written notification signed by the camper's parent or guardian authorizing an early dismissal of a camper. Details that must be included are the date and time desired early pick-up, as well as the best number for us to reach out to the individual whom will be picking up the camper. Please give the note to any of the camp registrars on Monday morning. Parents may meet their camper in the Main Office on the day of early departure. Please be prepared to provide a photo ID. No discount is granted for early dismissal.

Early Arrivals

We are unable to accommodate early arrivals. For parents and campers who need to arrive early there is a Red Roof Inn and Comfort Inn located eight miles from camp in Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Paying for Camp

The remaining balance for each camper is due on Monday morning at registration. Cash and check are preferred, but credit cards are also accepted. Those who register online with a credit card and do not bring their remaining balance will automatically be charged later that week.

What to Bring to Camp:

- Flashlight
- Bible / pen
- Sleeping bag / pillow (these items **MUST** be brought for campers in ALPHA camp)
- Comfortable clothes – mainly shorts and t-shirts, couple pair of jeans for cool evenings, closed to shoes
- Extra pair of shoes
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- One-piece swimsuit / Beach towel / Beach shoes
- Bath towels / Washcloth / Personal Items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrush) – *Please only send items that are not highly valuable. Although counselors encourage campers to stay organized and clean, often items are left behind or even arrive home well used.*
- Water bottle
- Closed toe shoes are necessary for students to participate in many activities on camp
- Disposable Camera (optional)
- Any prescribed medications child is taking during camp time –

All medications must be turned into the camp nurse upon arrival, so please **MARK CLEARLY all medication in zip-top bag with camper's name and specific instructions for nurse to administer. Do not remove medications from the original container.**

- Please do **NOT** bring any electrical equipment
- Please do **NOT** bring any snacks containing peanuts or peanut butter. Help us protect other campers with this life-threatening allergy.

CamParent

Parents may view photos from the week online by logging into their account. Images from the previous day are uploaded by 10:30 am each morning. Additionally, surprise packages can be purchased and delivered to your camper at dinner time!

Telephones

Campers do not have access to phones throughout the week. Parents are requested not to telephone campers except in an emergency. The camp nurse will call the parent in the event of extreme homesickness, illness or an accident.

Although cell phones are a wonderful tool, the *reception in our hills is extremely limited (if any)* and, of course, electronic devices can be distracting in a camp setting. Your child(ren) may call you from the Nurse's Station if deemed necessary, and due to their distraction, we do not allow campers to carry their cell phone while at camp. As an alternative to phoning your camper, please send your love through the mail (delivered daily) or purchase a special package through CamParent.

Postal Mail

Campers love to receive mail, but please be careful not to foster homesickness by telling them how much they are missed. Rather, tell them how glad you are for the fun they are having and the new friends they are meeting. Please write the following information on the outside of the mailing envelope:

Camper's first and last name
Camp they are attending, if known (i.e. Alpha, New Frontier, etc.)
1009 Martin Rd
Wheelersburg, OH 45694

Camper Email

Family and friends may send email by logging into their account and purchasing a block of emails.

Medical Staff

At least one Registered Nurse is on duty at all times in or near our nurse's station during the summer camping season and "on-call" during the retreat season. A local doctor signs our standing orders so that we can administer a few common over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol for a headache or Neosporin for a cut. Due to the nature of camp, we provide first-aid type care only and cannot accommodate sick campers. In case of sickness, injury or extreme homesickness, we will contact the parents/guardians to pick up their child and no refund will be granted.

Dress Code

Camp is very casual and very active. Please make sure campers bring comfortable shoes! Also, girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit or an overlapping tankini; and please no short shorts. Campers wearing revealing clothing will be asked to change. We recommend sending older clothes that may return home well-worn.

Extra Money

Extra spending money is needed to purchase snacks at the Pop Shop, to buy camp t-shirts (approximately \$15), to participate in crafts (\$5-10), and or purchase any other desired camp merchandise. Please talk to your camper about how much money they will have for the week and about being a good steward of their money.

Camp Bank

The camp bank is provided for all campers to safely keep their spending money. The bank is available anytime the Pop Shop is open. All campers deposit their money to the Camp Bank so that it is not lost or stolen.

Lost and Found Items

We recommend that all property be marked with the camper's name (especially cameras). Please call the office if any items are missing once your camper returns home: 740-778-3279. Items are returned after parents contact the Main Office; if you would like items to be mailed to you, shipping fees are covered at your expense. At the end of each summer, the lost items may be donated.

Cabin Counselors

All of our counselors are college-age students, many of which come from Christ-centered universities. Our counselors go through a strict application process. We conduct full background checks, require references (including pastor), and hold personal interviews. The counselors spend over 100 hours training in various elements of camp, including first aid, child protection, facilitators training, evangelism and Bible study. Because of our rigid training and our child protection policy, we do not allow any other adults to come in contact with the campers during the week.

Cabin Roommates

There are about 10 campers in a cabin with one or more staff members. Campers are supervised by a staff member 24 hours per day. We will honor roommate requests to the best of our ability. Typically, 2-3 campers from the same church will be in a cabin together. Diversity in the cabin allows the counselor more flexibility in planning activities, facilitating discussions, and promoting growth among the campers.

Visiting During the Week

Due to our strict child protection policy we do not allow parents or visitors to participate in the camp program during the week. Homesick parents are encouraged to write to their children or send their children to shorter weekend camps during the winter.

Activities offered for the different camps

New Frontier Camp

Animal Barn
Bible Study Time
Bonfires
Boulder (horizontal climbing wall)
Chapel time in the morning and evening (involves music, skits and teaching)
Crafts
Pool
Camp-out night
Lake Activities (Blob, slides, diving boards, paddle boats)
Initiative Team-building Games - (10 elements) specially designed for younger campers
Pop Shop (candy, souvenirs, games)
Mini Golf
Summit (35 ft vertical climbing wall)
Archery
And more

Alpha Camp

Animal Barn
Archery
ARC (Activities & Recreation Center) indoor basketball, volleyball
Bible Study Time
Bonfires
Hammock camp-out night
Chapel time in the morning and evening (involves music and teaching)
Crafts
Pool
Lake Activities (Blob, slides, diving boards, paddle boats)
Low Ropes Course - (10 elements) specifically designed for middle school campers
Pop Shop (candy, souvenirs, games)
Outdoor basketball courts
Summit (35 ft vertical climbing wall)
Avalanche (600 ft triple zip line)
Goliath (Giant Swing)
And more

While your child is away...

Pray for your camper. Prayer will make a significant impact in your child's week of camp. Pray for his/her counselor and the speaker for the week. Pray for spiritual goals in relationship to your child's needs, health and safety.

When they come home...

Ask about the week and listen to your camper, ask them to share the Reality Check with you. Your interest in their week at camp is very important to them. Help reinforce any decisions made during the week. Help in highlighting the spiritual lessons they've learned.