

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCOTT BRUNS:

At Scioto Hills, we understand sending your child to camp in the 21st Century can be risky business. Trusting us to care for the needs of your child is a responsibility we don't take lightly. As a parent or guardian, you are our most important partner. Protecting your child from harm is serious business. Therefore, we strive to live up to your expectations. We appreciate your role in the training of your child and wish to reassure you that, under our care and supervision, your child will have a valuable experience. Although we will not make promises we cannot keep, you have our word that every effort will be made to fulfill this guarantee-or we will refund your money!



OUR MISSION

Scioto Hills Christian Camp and Retreat Center is an arm of the local church in which a Christ-centered program, in an attractive outdoor setting is used to develop the guest (camper) spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially in accordance with the Word of God.

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OUR GUARANTEE

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CLOSE SUPERVISION

Members of our trained summer staff will closely supervise your camper from the time they arrive until he/she departs. The daily schedule is well planned and procedures are in place to insure proper supervision. Upon arrival, you will meet your child's counselor and, if desired, tour your child's sleeping arrangements. A member of our permanent staff will carefully check the identification of any person designated to pick up your child prior to his/her departure. We also work hard to see that your child returns with all of his/her belongings.

PERMANENT STAFF

Our permanent staff lives at camp year round! As of 2017, they average 19 years experience in Christian ministry and 12 years in Christian camping almost all of which has been at Scioto Hills. A high percentage of our team members hold degrees from Christian universities in fields directly related to children. Our staff is well equipped, experienced and professional, attending training classes or workshops annually. Required certifications are kept up-to-date. Your camper is in good, godly hands when he/she attends Scioto Hills.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED SUMMER STAFF

Our entire summer staff is required to successfully complete a rigorous application process including a careful inspection of references, a personal interview, and background check. Once hired and prior to arrival, all staff must complete an intense online child safety course. This culminates with a thorough 12-day on-site training program (170+ hours of training). Our summer team is not comprised of unknown volunteers who "come and go". They are godly young adults who love kids and believe in the value of a Christian camp experience. In many cases, they have experienced life change at camp themselves.

VOLUNTEERS

Scioto Hills will take advantage of those who love camp and choose to volunteer during summer camp to make a difference "behind the scenes" in our ministry. Be assured each volunteer also completes an application and background check, is supervised by a permanent staff member, and does not work directly with our campers.

SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP LEADERS

Our greatest desire is that lives are changed because they have heard a clear presentation of the Gospel and Biblical truth as afforded us through God's Word. Those who speak in chapels or workshops are carefully selected for their ability to not only communicate God's Word effectively but, more importantly, for their understanding and proper handling of it. Those selected are in agreement with our statement of faith and understand the importance of allowing the Holy Spirit to work in hearts, knowing the dangers of "emotionalism" or "easy believism" that can happen in the camp setting. We guard against "high-pressured altar calls".

VISUAL REASSURANCE

Our audio-visual team works hard each day to take photos of all the fun we're having at camp. Pictures are posted each morning on the website. Parents are given a security code in their confirmation packets to access that section of the website. We work hard to include all campers in these photos but cannot guarantee that your child's smiling face will appear every day.

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Our certified lifeguards are on duty every time campers are at the lake or pool. Deep end tests and "buddy-checks" are conducted in accordance with Red Cross regulations. In addition, our challenge course technicians are trained and certified, and a third party professionally inspects all courses annually. A registered nurse is part of our permanent staff, and the nurse's station is manned 24 hours per day. Our 360 Child Safe Plan was created to eliminate the mistreatment of campers and includes a zero tolerance policy for those who choose to violate it.

HOMESICKNESS IS MONITORED

Because of the fun and packed schedule, most campers never experience homesickness, and if they do, it is typically short-lived. However, sometimes campers struggle. It is our policy to allow our nurse and program staff to deal with these cases and often a phone call home makes the difference. We will work with you to determine if a child should be picked up early. The last thing we want is for a child to have a negative experience.

COMMUNICATION

In the event of an emergency, you camper is always a phone call away. Because of the active nature of camp, we will locate your child's counselor so your call can be returned as soon as possible. It is best to call the office (740-778-2267), and we will gladly deliver a message if a callback is not needed. As a general rule, we prefer campers not bring cell phones. Reception in our hills is extremely limited, and electronic devices can be distracting in a camp setting. If you do send a cell phone, please leave it with the nursing staff upon arrival, and your child may call you from the nurse's station. Campers love to receive mail and/or packages! Through our CamParent Program, you may send emails and purchase packages. You are welcome of course to let your camper know you're thinking of them through snail mail as well!

HEALTHY MEALS

Your camper will be served carefully planned, kid-friendly, nutritious meals. Fruits and vegetables are served daily along with juice and milk. Our "eat all you want" policy guarantees your child won't go hungry. Although the Pop Shop would not be as fun without a variety of sweets, we do offer health-conscious alternatives for those who want them as well.

CLEAN CABINS

Your camper will sleep in a comfortable, clean and air-conditioned cabin. All restrooms and showers are located in the same cabin or within a very short walking distance. We cannot guarantee your child will not get wet, muddy, sticky, or a little stinky (since this is part of the fun of being outdoors). However, we can guarantee a strong emphasis on hygiene and cleanliness. Time for showers is scheduled daily.



OUR PROMISE TO YOU AND YOUR CAMPER!